

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
July 7/85-

Mr Walter Dean

Dear Sir

Having myself  
gone over Frautvetter's tracing of  
Salix rotundifolia I am prepared  
to appreciate at a glance the  
accuracy - "line for line" - of your  
copy. Many thanks for the  
kind favor which more than  
makes good the loss of my  
earlier sketch. I shall be only  
too happy to serve you in  
some way in return.

An all too brief visit from  
Mr Bailey when he runs on his  
way east is recalled as my  
last meeting with a botanist -  
so you may imagine how  
few and far between devotees  
of this "Amiable Science" are out  
west.

Yours obliged  
M. S. Lobb

926 Grant Ave

Rockford Ills

Jan 21/96

Mr Walter Deane

My dear Sir

After a tedious sickness - first time since I was a boy that I have been laid up for a day - and after a long but by no means uncomfortable period of convalescence here I am - sitting out this am in an easy chair before the open fire - with nothing to do but get well and precious little plus energy even for that! The best I can do for you now is to keep your letter as a conspicuous note where it can not be overlooked and be, I hope when I am a little stronger, and the temperature of the attic in which I have my duplicates stored has ~~raised~~ raised considerably from what it is this morning - it will give me pleasure to supply your desiderata. S. alba it is not an American plant. if I can send you



any specimens at all they will be  
from Europe - And yet have you  
noticed that *S. alba-virellina* is  
commonly perilled perfectly!  
By what? Sometimes by *S. viridis*  
(= *S. alba fragilis*) the male of which is  
common enough - sometimes by  
*S. lucida* - It follows that at any rate  
all seedlings of *S. alba* in this country  
must be mixed with something! And  
mixed they are until the confusion  
is ~~enough~~ <sup>enough</sup> to make a botanist  
despair of ever seeing his way  
through the tangled mass!

Is it so queer how a plant once  
gotten into a popular flora will stick  
there - Here is *Salix viminalis* for  
instance! ~~Always~~ <sup>Even</sup> in *Halsted's* little  
flora appended to Miss Johnson's latest  
book it is selected as one of the few  
very common plants deserving a place  
in such a ~~volume~~ <sup>work</sup> and yet in twenty  
years experience I have never seen  
a N. States grown specimen - except those  
from my own Salicetum! ~~and~~ Indeed  
the only specimen I have from *N. Amer.*  
was gathered (leaves only) in New Brun-  
swick by Mr Allen - The truth is the

plants will not grow to amount to anything under our hot summer sun. It will set out in very early spring and make a vigorous push of about six inches. Then the sun-heat will seem to act upon it like a persistent pinching in and for the rest of the season it will simply develop a tuft of deformed leaves at the tip of the earlier growth. I had several plants under cultivation as Fontinalis which in two years ~~had~~ in two years did not attain a height of more than two feet! S. Smithiana (= S. caprea x viminialis) grows well enough.

I will also hope - in due time - to be able to send you several autograph letters such as you desire. I have kept my correspondence - or rather to tell the exact truth my wife has kept it for me - so that out of the earlier portion I may be able to make some selections including names not already represented in your collection. Other actual working botanists were so few and far between even twenty years ago

and every least one in communication  
with Dr Gray, that I apprehend my  
limited resources may be already  
antecedent -

If you should feel  
like making up a little package  
for me sometime of your best  
things. after your own judgment -  
50 specimens or such a matter I  
would enjoy the acquisition I believe  
of the fresh materials. and by & by  
make you a return in kind -  
My impression is that I have *Spizans*  
*samples* from Carby and Parker only  
and would like more of it -

I had a letter on my table  
ready to send Prof Carter at Cambridge.  
As I do not know his Boston address  
will you be so kind as to hand him  
the enclosed -

My kindest regards to all the  
botanical fraternity by whom you are  
happily surrounded. Envious associates!!  
I do not meet a real live botanist  
once a year - No wonder I've about  
got past the point of keeping  
myself steamed up with so running all  
alone -  
Yours cordially  
M. L. L.

Rockford Ills  
Feb 18, '66

My dear Mrs Deane

Your little parcel  
afforded me all the satisfaction  
I had anticipated - with something  
more - a surprise. I had thought  
to reawaken just a bit the  
old-time enthusiasm with which  
fresh acquisitions from New England  
were wont to be received. but I  
was quite unprepared for Antennaria  
stellulata! Why I had never even  
so much as heard of its growing  
at Lynn - dear me! I am getting  
out of the current that's evident.  
If I don't look out first thing I  
know I will drift into some  
stagnant bayou and then  
"rot" dull as the oozy mud".

Many thanks for all the nice  
things you have sent me. I  
hope we return to give you  
a sitting up in Willows. When  
the weather grows warmer and

I infer that Dr May  
may purchase  
a new edition of  
Mass in Germ. part 1. Synch. N. A. So there  
is this in completed:  
w. will be try to  
bring the above  
first

I grow stronger, those old bundles  
in the attic will get such a  
dusting as they have not received  
in a year past.

I am glad Prof Coulter  
is overhauling the *Hypericums* - May  
he be rewarded with the consciousness  
of having done good work - and if there  
being lots more of the same sort  
left - may he become an enthusiastic  
devotee of botany in the broad  
phrases which connect so directly  
with systematic work.\* I for one  
have had about all I care the  
story of the "Pond Scums" and their  
conjugal relations" - The "new botany"  
is a bore to me. The main facts  
and their significance I learned  
years ago - and a tiresome repetition  
with slight variation. is to me  
— well I won't say what. *Artemisia*  
*Stelleriana* is too fresh a reminder  
that I may be fast verging on  
old foggyism without knowing  
it. My very warmest regards to all  
the botanical fraternity - yours  
of course included  
Affectionately O. L. B.

\* and this *Bot. Gazette* get the full benefit thereof

P.S. Going down through a  
pile of unanswered letters - that  
is what I am conscientiously  
doing this morning - I encounter  
your favor of Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

I would be glad to send  
you my photographs and to  
get yours in return - only I  
am just at present entirely  
cleaned out. Besides my last  
sitting dates so far back it  
might prove of vanity for an  
old chap past 80. with hair  
growing conspicuously thin a-  
to continue sending that out  
as a picture of the veritable  
M.L.B. In contrast I don't propose  
to make the case against myself  
too outrageously bad by facing the  
camera before the effects of my  
sickness have been overcome - so  
please wait a while - I have

no photos of the Gray Vane  
and, gladly accept your kind  
offer to send me them.

My old friend Rev J. G. Blake  
once wrote me "I never hesitate  
to run in debt for plants" - but  
whether he would have included  
photos of Gray Vane or not I don't  
know - Running in debt for plants,  
in those days meant of course  
a matter of exchange -

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Mar 11/16

My dear Mr Doane

About a fortnight  
ago I felt the duty incumbent  
upon me as a member of the  
School board to inspect a new  
High School building which was  
nearly completed. Looking over  
the basement (which was as cold  
as a barn) I "took cold" and  
got a set back from which I  
have not as yet entirely recovered.  
I detest a person who is forever  
complaining of his ailments and  
yet I had even rather risk  
such a reputation than fail to  
offer any valid excuse for this  
long delay in acknowledging  
your generous gift of photographs  
of the Gray Vase. The pictures  
are very fine and give a  
much better idea of the artistic  
elegance of the work than  
would naturally be derived from



the published figures. As my wife took possession of both cards instantly for her expense portion of the house. I feel that I am a bit of gossip anyway still we - or she - or I would express kindest thanks.

I may spend a little time away from home before spring - in hopes to recruit - but will make certain you may look for some more tangible proof of my indebtedness.

I have never had the pleasure to meet Mr Haynes - but he has forwarded his own straight to my house by sending some most delightful collections of Willows. One of the regrets for things left undone this past winter is that I failed to write out an account of the White Birch specimen - with notes based upon his observation & discovery. Thanks for gossip from head quarters please continue - cordially  
W. L. Webb

92's Grand Ave

Rockford Ill.  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896

My dear Mr. Leane

Did the ball really  
"hit" with you? Well I'm glad.  
I was thinking of you  
pretty much every day a  
letter. I have so much  
to see to & have so many things  
which are so close a matter  
of duty - working our way  
devotedly through the  
engagement, undisturbed, of the  
things which are so far  
sheer love of this doing!

I enjoyed your letter through  
and through. The words of enthusiasm

over, returning at the Natural  
Bridge. The place is a very  
good one. I had a good time  
and many took the fine opportunity  
to go to the river many times  
but I could not go with my  
gun. I am above all  
the account of going at the  
Protonic section.

I am hoping to over-  
haul my collection in  
June. I hope to say much  
to prepare to open up some  
a lot of the better specimens  
collected in the good specimens  
and that are lacking the  
freshness and brightness of  
things since my return  
travelling, such as I was

would to. I hope to where I  
did my best, full share  
of collection and I send out  
the harvest at the close of  
the season.

I hope to say to the  
Public this summer. I am  
not sure, but I am  
certain the value of sending  
you this will add to the  
understanding of the  
the subject, the consideration of  
the subject.

But I am sure you  
will. I have seen  
good opportunity. I hope to  
brighten up the life of  
me. I do not see why I  
should remain so short-  
There is some transaction.

which I hope has not come  
to stay. Altogether I begin to  
look forward to a longer  
season of recreation than  
at first entered my thoughts.

Yours very truly  
E. P. Lobb

926 Grant Ave.

Ticket and Bills

My dear Mr. Leconte

May 29/96

At length - after many interruptions, I have a parcel for you, tied up and ready to go by express, within this P.M. or Monday morning. The specimens have been sent in the midst of so many distracting cares that I scarcely recollect what I have been doing, but I hope <sup>of this specimen</sup> some ~~things~~ - or I am proportioned out of the whole number - may prove <sup>as an</sup> acceptable addition to your book. Hoping you might have a receipt of receipt, I have taken the liberty to include a few other

P.S. I have many other things, but I cannot send them now.

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926 Grand Ave

Rockford Ill

June 7/96

My dear Mr Leamer

Every time comes across  
a chance shot. To give you  
I had never related your  
list of dominant in numbers  
with Maurus Catagoras - Now  
that I do so I find a  
second species which I can  
supply but not in extra fine  
specimens - C. Richardsonii - The  
black was very rare - even in  
the early settlement of the  
country and disappeared entirely  
as soon as the prairie fires  
no longer afforded it a fair







of the ...

926 Grand Ave  
Rockton Ill  
Aug 9/86

My dear Mr. Faxon

Yours. ago

"Wells the" was a handsome  
gentleman and so soon as  
was brought with many  
delightful recollections. In  
1861 - dear one was it twenty-  
five years ago! when I was  
making my first experience  
with the life of a naturalist. I  
received many a word from  
your father. collected and  
sent by my old friend the  
Rev. J. Blake. Everything was  
just the same to my mind

1. "Lute." "Three hours yesterday  
and "Lute." So far some  
great fun in the collecting  
of things and of the  
about the "Lute" and  
the "Lute" and the "Lute"  
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M. H. ...  
C.C. ...



926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 76

My dear Mr Deane -

I was reading - only  
this morning, in M. Aurelius's  
Antoninus "From Alexander the  
Platonic [I believe] not frequently nor  
without necessity the say to every one  
or to write in a letter, that I have no  
business; nor continually the expense, the  
neglect of duties required by our relation  
to those with whom we live, by alleging  
business or reputation" - From human nature  
ourselves are exempt! - As it was a  
virtue which even the Emperor of  
Rome neglected the communication - when before  
the days of paper and the heavy  
post. not to be too free with expenses  
for delay - I have nothing to kind  
but when circumstances - a disinclination  
to write which indulged for a few  
days runs on into inexcusable neglect -  
... I know there is a letter of yours.

[illegible]

This explains a large proportion  
of what you have taken to be  
omissions in your set. For instance  
No 30. - *St. can. var. x petiolatus* - only the  
♀ plant was known to me at the  
time. ditto of 31. 32. 33. - Same thing  
This winter I will overhaul my  
duplicates with your list in hand  
and will try to get everything  
"as accurate as possible" - At the  
same time I will do the best  
possible for your friend Mr. Kennedy.  
When I hear of any person  
desiring a duplicate in future it is  
always a pleasure to me to  
replace what I have in the  
way of specimens - to him. It  
is enough to know that the  
material has gone into the hands  
of an appreciative student. I  
give up the Rest Salicaria in  
dispute - The 1<sup>st</sup> fascicle was  
specially out of my hands when



I wish'd to back the manuscript -  
The drawings are very modern -  
combined with what I should make  
them have -

We are all interested in your  
Cambridge specimens - Fifty in  
Twenty, and it was in Portland  
not in Cambridge - I have not  
tried to find out of the way - I  
remember the old one - and your  
mention of the Baroness's record  
recalls a purchase of one of  
"a bundle of the same" at an auction  
sale, paying a price higher than  
postage including the same -

Wife and I have just had our  
impressions of Cambridge and its  
social life of twenty years ago  
revived by visiting the ruins of  
Longfellow by his brother Samuel -  
- Prof. Bailey's Synopsis is admirable  
It excites the wonder of an old style  
university - accustomed to mulling around  
the edges of things to see how these  
fine young fellows go to their  
quarters - make a name in medicine  
res. and do so much - so it so  
well too - and in no short a time -

I wish I could tell you a story  
about a boy that I found was a  
son - the one that you mentioned  
by Gardner - I don't know whether  
it is a story about the dog - so  
much as <sup>this</sup> is a momentary  
embarrassment of my own. I must  
tell you something when I am over  
on the 10th.

The photo has not yet  
been taken! I shall remember  
you - I am the only person who  
has been - living in a large hall -  
and if I have some of the  
old correspondents and one of them  
from the same time and the  
same place - Vasey, Chickering  
W. J. Hale, E. Hall, Prof. Dr. J. W. Foster  
Dr. J. W. Foster, S. H. Wright, J. W. Foster, H. W. Foster  
J. W. Foster - Dr. J. W. Foster, Prof. C. W. Foster  
Caulby - Rev. J. Blake, S. J. Olney - H. H. Babcock  
Rev. R. G. Jencks - D. D. Clarke - Patterson.

x x x I find it not so easy  
to recall names as it might  
be - give me as I please and then

line I notice the omission of  
Judge Clinton - Ward - Cratty - and  
so on -

I am tempted to throw  
this miserable specimen for a  
letter into the waste basket -  
only I am afraid I shall  
do no better my Virginia  
again -

Yours very truly  
Wm L. Bell

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill.  
Jan 5/88

My dear Mr Deane -

Your unique Christmas greeting was a pleasant surprise - in the midst of a season of pleasant surprises. After the pretty picture has graced our mantel till we are familiar with it, I intend to consign the sheet to my herbarium - where it will illustrate better than any single specimen I ever saw the prolific habits of Cumtropsorus.

I am hoping to do a little pottering over the Willows during this month and next - my "shut in" period of the year - What it will all come to I'm sure I know not - most likely nothing. It is not that we fail to achieve certain things - but as we come nearer to them they

seem so much less worth while.

How mournful this word  
from Cambridge - I can not  
realize its full import -

Wishing you a happy new  
year - which in these days of  
utilitarianism is equivalent to  
wishing you every good thing  
under the sun

I am very truly

Your friend  
Mrs. L. Beth

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Jan 6/97

My dear Mr Deane

All through the closing months of last year, I indulged myself in a fit of laziness. For a while at least I wanted to take life with all the nonchalance of a hippy. I was quite willing to absorb any amount of the pleasures which friends in the kindness of their hearts might confer and to quash all grames of conscience that might otherwise come me to an uncomfortable sense of obligation. You anticipate me in ascribing this present effort to the preminial New Years resolution. I am not going to be lazy and

debating any more. What's the  
use of making a great deal  
"good" resolution and discrediting  
it at the very outset by an  
impartial recital of possible  
shortcomings!

I was pleased to be  
remembered by you with a  
Christmas greeting.

Kept week I began over-  
hauling recent acquisitions the  
very first day of Yellows.  
selecting specimens - mounting  
etc. I never saw study with  
any degree of satisfaction before  
material. I scarcely dare  
anticipate how much I may  
actually accomplish of work  
less and for the winter. But  
I start in with a determination  
to "keep pepping away": the very  
determination itself - I want  
gain trust. born of more  
vigorous health and therefore

hearing some promise of  
ultimate fulfillment. I even  
go so far as to project an  
account of full work for  
next spring, among beyond  
anything I have done in  
several years past.

It might be in order for  
me now to enumerate  
promises made yourself  
just to show that they are  
not forgotten. but I had  
them in mind when I  
spoke in a general way  
of not daring to anticipate  
how much I might or  
might not actually accomplish.  
autographs (up fused in a box  
photographs (not yet taken,  
desiderata (not yet selected but  
list hanging on a hook over  
my table) Oh I don't forget



the mischief of it is I don't do!

Now I should like to get  
down to Cambridge for a few  
weeks study - congratulations  
august 20 down

With the best wishes of  
the season I remain

Yours cordially  
W. L. Webb

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill.  
Jan 12/94

My dear Mr Deane -

Suksdorf in the  
Insane Asylum! Is it possible!  
Pray write and tell me about  
it. It was only yesterday that I  
was arranging in my herbarium  
some specimens of Salixitchens  
which he collected especially for  
me - to show the range of variation  
in leaf character -

Your letter gives some details  
of Dr Prays illness which other  
friends had omitted to tell me.  
As you are kept so well informed  
let me beg of you as a special  
favor that you report to me  
frequently - Alas! even before  
this reaches you the end may  
have come - How many there  
are - all over the country -  
waiting for and dreading that

final monument -

I shall have some Salices  
for you - one of these days - on  
easier terms than any one of  
the three you suggest - and  
remember the autographs too  
very rare in a while - always  
with a torturing qualm of  
conscience! -

I have gotten out of touch  
with the working botanists  
somewhat - all my own fault  
and I miss the stimulus of  
frequent interchange of letters  
and specimens - but I keep  
promising myself month after  
month - year after year - that  
I will shortly turn over a new  
leaf. I have mistaken the  
ability to criticise the work  
others as evidence of power  
my own part to do something  
better - "Did you ever get left  
(as the school boy of the day puts  
it) in just that way?"

Condole, and Best  
My nephew wants me to stop -

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Jan 29/88

My dear Mr Deane.

I thank you for  
your frequent bulletins and  
especially for your interesting  
- ~~very~~ <sup>really</sup> interesting letter of the  
20<sup>th</sup> inst. Your father's study  
must be a good place in which  
to write letters - may you  
frequently find yourself uncon-  
- ~~cerned~~ <sup>cerned</sup> therein. I have almost  
nothing to say in response  
to the painful burden of  
your story. It is something  
to be received with sympathetic  
silence - I will write again  
soon - this only as <sup>an</sup> ~~acknowledgment~~ <sup>acknowledgment</sup> of  
word of thanks and ~~recognition~~ <sup>recognition</sup> of  
your kindness -  
I must tell you now

now I am the fulfilling  
the promise about autographs.  
A few days ago I brought the  
box of old letters down from  
the attic - there is lots of  
them and they are not in  
good order - To be candid  
I have preserved my  
correspondence thus - as fast  
as letters were answered they  
were thrust into a certain  
drawer in my library table -  
When that got so full that it  
could no longer be pulled out  
- or once pulled out could not  
be pushed in again - one of  
two things took place - sometimes  
my wife - good orderly soul  
that she is would take the  
contents - sort it all over and  
arrange the letters alphabetically  
by authors - But finding in  
this service I really would  
make one grand tie up of  
the whole business - And so

I find running on through  
years there is not any uniform  
method of arrangement - Mrs B  
and my two daughters at home  
have taken mercy on me and  
promised to help at one grand  
effort in the <sup>arrangement</sup> of the whole mass in  
folios - I very soon found  
when I came to look for  
letters to send you that there  
was a choice - Some were  
quite characteristic - While  
others might be mere business  
notes as it were - and that I  
could make no satisfactory  
selection without having all  
together from which choose -

In very good haste  
Yours  
O Zeller

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup> /88

My dear Mr. Lounie

I have got you true.  
with the autographs - such as they  
are - mentioned in my last. Please  
tell me what ones prove new  
to your collection. The Catalogue  
is almost useless. I thought after  
I got started on it that it would  
have been better to leave you to  
make any inquiries that you  
might wish. Concerning some of  
the more obscure names I have  
where names appear on the list.

My tailor has always made  
two pockets on the hips of my  
trousers. I am too old perhaps  
to acquire new habits making them  
useful. I carry no revolver and  
have a time honored place for  
my handkerchief. But I have  
just learned what to do with them

and I find they are rightly comments  
I pretty people that I don't know how to  
use high pocket. In one I keep a  
whole bunch of blank tickets -  
no matter what I am going - if it  
pops into my mind to ask some  
friend a thousand miles off a  
question - I ask quite a trick - make  
a memorandum of the question and  
sign it in the above pocket. So  
now when I sit down to write to  
you I go over the memorandums  
and find two which read as  
follows "Deane ask to refer to Philip  
Cutter's Truck Sillion Journal 48-p 36 that  
means there given for describing  
the old name S. Nova Urali Pursh - please  
copy everything, likely to be useful"  
2) Deane S. arctica. Why does  
Andersson write Pallas rather than  
P. Br. Please copy for me description  
given by Brown ~~Andersson~~ Bot of Ross Voyage  
Vol 2 p. 194 - date of publication. Also please  
copy Pallas Fl Ross 2. p 86, date of  
publication - Also please trace if not



I have been looking for a letter from you for several days. People who are generous and competent in the matter of writing letters keep expectations on the hands of friends which are altogether unreasonable. - He came to feel ourselves quite aggrieved in fact if letters don't come just as easily as the air we breathe -

I have just written to Mr Watson - a kind of mute reaching forth of the hand in sympathy as it were. How wonderfully lonely and thus work now must be to him with the masters chair empty -

Yours ever  
Wm. L. G. B.

too much trouble Ledebours fig  
Icon H. Ross. Tab 460" - By this  
time I fancy you are ready to  
sare my ingenuity in finding  
a use for such pocket - But  
seriously I am bothered about Lactaria  
and would be very glad of your  
help - Take your time. There is no  
hurry. I have few books that help  
only Anderssons in fact. There is  
a plant common on the coast  
of Labrador, Kankas Bay &c which  
may be rightly referred to Lactaria  
then again it may not or at any  
rate it seems a good variety. I will  
send you specimens by rly. ~~Anything~~  
that you can turn up in the  
Library of the Gray Herbarium that  
will throw light on the subject  
will be very gratefully received. There  
may be some fine illustrations of  
Greenland forms &c - (To save you  
unnecessary trouble I must add that Transvaal  
figs in Mem de la Soc Des Sciences de Moscou  
is not to be found in this country!)

Feb. 12 - 1888.

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Feb

Dear Mr Deane

My thoughts still keep  
reverting to the sad news from  
Cambridge. but it is not of this that  
I would write - I hope for a letter  
from you to-morrow. I have been  
engaged all day in an almost  
mechanical work and I am about  
to write a mechanical letter - No  
I ought not to say just that! Anna  
finished arranging my letters from  
Whinnier correspondents yesterday  
and today I have gone over the  
lot and selected 87 for you - Of  
course I passed many names that  
I knew you would have already  
represented in your collection - and  
among these some of the very best  
such as Gray, Watson - Coulter.  
Ward - &c - As it is I have no doubt  
<sup>selected</sup> many a ~~for~~ destined addition  
to your trash basket - And I could

not always tell just where to draw  
the line. As the package weighs over  
a pound it will probably <sup>be expressed</sup> ~~be~~ cheaper  
than by mail, at better rates, so I  
will keep it a day or so and  
put in a little Willson concerning the  
identity of which I am going, the ask-  
ing aid in determining - some refer-  
ences not within my reach &c -

I would include a number of  
things only now that I have renewed  
my interest in the Politics by some  
day's steady work - worked up an  
interest in the most literal sense -  
I am about determined to go on  
and issue another fasciculus of Willson  
- if for nothing, else than to honestly  
carry out the promises on my part when  
which several friends have contributed  
specimens for distribution - and - to modestly  
shall I say it - to show that I know  
something more about the things than  
I did ten years ago -

Yours cordially  
W. S. Webb

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Feb 20/ff

Dear Mr Deane -

If I had only known the work you were engaged upon before it neared completion I would have suggested to you the expediency of personally visiting the American Botanist and writing him - a letter.

I inclose autographs of Goodale - Watson and D. Gray - I never corresponded much with Goodale - and as you will see the letter I inclose dates away back to a time when he had just received his degree of M. D.

From Mr Watsons many communications it was difficult to make any satisfactory selection. He has used postal card freely and in the main written ~~exceedingly~~ in reply to purely

Remember I don't enjoy this. But no argument now. I will likely settle the question

Technical questions which I had submitted - save a few letters of sympathy or congratulation which of course I do not like to part with - It was hard too - to draw the line on I frays correspondence. What was really bright and in a good degree personal I could not spare - I have one postal card that is A fray all over - Here is a facsimile

Bravo, Excellent is H. S. B  
in B. G. fr March  
A. S.

The abominable assortment of weather we have been having this winter has about used me up -

Nice letter from Frank a few days ago - expressing a hope that we might meet at Cleveland next

926 Forest Ave  
Lockford Ills  
Mar 6/94

Dear Mr Deane

I thought I had  
cautioned you against going  
off on any "wild goose chase"  
after *Mém de la Soc des Mathé-  
de Moë* — There is only one  
copy of the work in the  
U. S. that in the Congressional  
Library — and of this vol 6 is  
missing! However I am just  
selfish enough to feel rather  
comfortable than otherwise over  
the slender chance that after  
all you may be successful  
in your quest — How delighted  
I should be. You there are lots  
of things in this paper of  
~~handwritten~~ that I would like  
to know more about —

I am still pepping away at  
the *Solices* with encouraging  
success. A revision of the *Sanatae*

group which I have on the slides  
I feel rather good over - since  
the first publication of the three  
American species in the H. B. Ann.  
not a thing new has been  
made known concerning them -  
and now I have quite a  
little furthering together of fresh  
information - much about S.  
Harkeriana - rediscovery of  
S. Barrattiana (known heretofore only  
from Drummonds coll.) and a new  
one for S. Richardsonii -

Cordially  
O Lobb





NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

*Mr. Walter Deane  
8. Brewster Pl  
Cambridge  
Mass*

When you come to looking up  
the literature of S. arctica for  
me - no hurry - please copy the  
description of S. arctica phloxifolia  
Leach H. Bot. 3. 669.

Cordially

O. Rehb

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
March 23/88

My dear Mr Deane -

We will not be too  
discouraged by emptying the  
right hip pocket again too  
soon. If you will kindly copy  
for me now and then some  
pencilgraph from a rare or costly  
book in the library - beyond my  
reach - or send a tracing of a figure  
and so on - it will be a great help  
to me and I shall be only too happy  
to render any service in return  
within my ability. William Lore  
is a small affair - but it is  
scattered through lots of books  
which are inaccessible to the  
student west of the Alleghenies -

In a little while now I shall  
have to put the Salix bundles on  
the shelf till next winter - my time  
and thought being demanded in  
other directions than that of Greek

in due study - Still I shall hope to  
keep something going for "wet weather  
work" I have prepared for the  
Gazette a series of impromptu  
papers entitled "Notes on North American  
Willows with a description of new or  
imperfectly known species" - which will  
appear soon - I have them all on  
hand still "in the cooler" - waiting  
to see how they will bear the test  
of being half forgotten and then  
re-read -

Your paper in the Bulletin  
is an admirable sketch of D'Arny's  
life - No one who has not himself  
seriously undertaken to compress the  
leading events of a life into a  
smoothly flowing account of a  
few pages length can realize the  
amount of twisting and turning -  
crucising - intertwining - that has gone  
into the paragraph that reads so  
easily - A freehand sketch will  
betray a rough line quicker than  
the elaborated picture full of details

I loaned the Bulletin - containing  
your contribution to one High School  
Principal - who came to me for  
material to help him out in  
an Abner Gray memorial exercise  
or something of the sort -

It is a queer freak - Morony's  
enterprise! However as you say  
he is enthusiastic and tough and I  
should judge a man who would  
rust out faster than he would wear  
out - By the way in behalf of an  
old class mate of his I would like  
to ask if Mrs Morony is still living?

My photo is no "where" as yet.  
And it will be located "one of these  
fine days" - I have quite a  
little project in mind - as to the  
use I shall make of it - which will  
better mentioned after than before  
sending - As I am not likely to  
forget -

I have been twice married -  
My first wife died a long time  
ago - while I was living in Washington

two or three years later I married a  
Rhode Island girl - one of the Holyoke  
Sisters - and since then have had  
an uninterrupted - or scarcely interrupted  
- flow of happy fortune - more than  
I honestly deserve - This answer of  
your query about the daughters - I had  
three children by the first Mrs Bell  
and taking my whole family as  
they run there is a curious  
alternation of sex - Thus ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀  
♂ ♀ ♂ - here the spell is broken  
and there is a dull monotony of  
♂ ♂. There are six at home - of  
which Nina is the oldest - (20,) and  
Frank (9) the youngest -

Now after this burst of confidence  
may I ask if you take a joke  
easily if it runs against yourself -  
My wife resents the closing words  
of your last letter "Give my  
warmest regards to your wife  
and daughter. Perhaps you have  
several" - No I have only one wife  
- three daughters - Cordially Beth

226 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
March 29/88

My dear Mr Deane

I can't say  
that I like it! I happen to  
be on the School Board for this  
little city and when I opened  
your letter I was sure I had  
a communication in hand  
from some book agent. I  
can not disabuse my mind  
of a disagreeable impression that  
somehow a circular or some  
other such food for the waste  
basket is trying to palm  
itself off as a letter from  
my best of correspondents Walter  
Deane. If you are threatened  
~~with~~ with permanent paralysis  
I'll excuse you - if not please  
write me from an old foggy  
with an overweighing estimate  
of the personal influence

carried in pen lines.

Yes I received Mrs. Fray's Memorial of her husband. I share your appreciation of the tribute delivered by the Rev Alex McKenzie. It is a working over and reworking of the old materials - but how gracefully it is done - and what a fresh ~~new~~ ~~life-giving~~ spirit pervades the whole effort.

And speaking of Memorials what a foolish waste of money. - really I ought not to say so. but can not after all take back the word. we have in the Engelmann Memorial volume. It is sumptuous - splendid. but how is it going to benefit anybody! The very persons who receive it are fellows who already possess all of Engelmann's notes of any importance, and I understand there is scarcely a bare one hundred

<sup>for sale</sup>  
copies, beyond those distributed to the very persons who do not need the volume. If rich men would only spend their money ~~and~~ in furthering the cause of science in its own way - not theirs - how much better it would be!

If you just would make a vacation trip to Rockford - May!!! I get so tired working alone - with a sneaking suspicion that my neighbors regard me as having a screw loose somewhere. with only the satisfaction pro contra that I am "supposed to be connected in some way with the Government."

I await with impatience the arrival of your excerpts relating to Galapagos.

Cordially  
O. B. B.



926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
April 1/98

My dear Mr Deane

I detest this paper but it is all I have at hand - and even this is hooked from the boys school supplies!

So long as it is the medium for the communication of such happy breezy letters as this one before me I take back all my aspersions thrown on the typewriter.

My special acknowledgements are due first of all to your sister for the minutely faithful tracing of Woodhouse's Salis article. When I observe the care with which a repetition of little details has been reproduced throughout I blame myself for not specifying your instance case in reproducing a single amendment - after that only a fresh outline - to be filled in

my imagination - I will mount  
the drawing on a sheet of best  
paper and it will go in with  
the rest of the material of various  
sketches of my own - Transcriptions &c  
such as go to make up the working  
material of an obscure botanist  
living out in an Illinois prairie  
a thousand miles from a good  
reference library.

Your notes - Transcriptions on  
are very helpful - and will be  
of great value to me to deal  
with the history of the species  
they relate - Mochermanns  
reasons for discarding *S. Nova Mexi*  
Pursh are more flimsy than I  
anticipated - That question admits  
of clear statement -

Now I wonder if I can tell  
you what I see in the other  
without making the story tedious  
- Bear in mind then if *S. arctica*  
Pallas the older name and *Salix*

*arctica* R. Br. the more recent  
publication - are now recognized  
as two species - That is the plant  
of Pallas is not the plant of  
Brown - though the two are nearly  
related - Ledebour regarded the  
two as of one species - hence he  
was quite right in taking the  
older name - *S. arctica* Pallas -  
But Andersson does not so regard  
them but instead of retaining  
the old name for the plant  
which first received it he calls  
that *S. Pallasii* And n. sp. - and  
then *S. arctica* R. Br. (not the  
plant of Pallas mind you) he  
writes down *S. arctica* Pallas. All  
this is very clear from the  
description and certain internal  
evidence - For instance Pallas says  
of his type specimen "In flaga  
*arctica mucronata secunda secundum Sinum*  
*Obensum et versus glaciale Oceanum*  
*legit hanc speciem Amiceis Suzef.*"  
Now we turn to Andersson and

read "Specimens a Siegf inter Obier  
fl. et mare glaciale in herbario  
Pallasii *S. arctica* inscripta videri"

Here we have the authors statement  
that he had seen the very  
specimen collected by "Siegfried" upon  
which *S. arctica* Pallas was founded  
in the herbarium of Pallas - You  
would say this was the type of  
*S. arctica* Pallas wouldnt you?  
There you'd be mistaken - It is  
cited by Anderson under his  
*S. Pallasii* - Now I don't believe  
in restoring the name to its  
original significance at the  
expense of tearing up anything  
so rooted in the science as  
*S. arctica* R. Br. - For mind you  
if we accept *S. arctica* Pallas that  
name belongs to another plant  
and our name known *S. arctica*  
is left out - in the cold. So my  
present impression is that we  
ought to keep *S. arctica* R. Br.  
even at the expense of violating

the rule of rigid adherence to  
priority of nomenclature. But while  
we are seeking a name for the  
original *S. arctica* we need not  
come down to our own day -  
Two or three, maybe more, names  
antedate Anderssons. *S. crassifolia*  
is perhaps the best - one of <sup>Franklin's</sup> ~~Franklin's~~

I have Hook & Arnot Bot. Beechey  
Voy. - And am sorry to say that  
the H. Beechey Amer. at \$40. - oversizes  
my file - By the way please  
send me the first opportunity you  
get - all that Hooker has to say  
about *Salix Uva Ursi*. My recollection  
of the matter is that this species  
is dismissed with a few lines

I must tell you something  
about Norway - in one sense it is  
much to his credit - and it will  
interest you anyway, - Dr Taylor  
a lawyer of this city was Monro's  
class-mate at Amherst - He says that  
Monro was at that time engaged

to one of the noblest women he  
had ever known - grandly  
beautiful - sincere - devoted and  
as earnest and wholesome in every  
way as she was strikingly beautiful  
- Morry was a ~~reprobate~~ southern -  
drank recklessly - and was so  
drunk the day he graduated that  
he could scarcely stand upon the  
platform - the girls friends  
besought her to break the  
engagement - and she replied  
"I will either save him or lose  
myself" - and added Mr Taylor  
"it is almost the only instance I  
call to mind - in my own  
personal experience. where a woman  
has taken such a desperate  
risk and won"

You ask my profession -  
At present I believe I am down  
in the directory as a "retired  
farmer" whatever that may  
mean - It is too long a story to

begin in the 7<sup>th</sup> page - For a number  
of years I carried on extensive  
farming - In connection with my  
father and brother 5000 acres -  
It was a life of care - and  
necessarily our immediate neighbors  
were not congenial - I came here  
to send my children to school and  
to give them social advantages -  
Wife and I found very soon that  
we carried with us into the country  
- a something - which, make the <sup>home</sup> ~~home~~  
life all that it could be made -  
was still beyond our ability to  
impart - Manners must be learned  
by association with people of  
refined manners - and so on -

I read the story of your  
life with a quiet, serene  
satisfaction - In all the hurry  
and greed - all the driving pace  
of this nineteenth century - it is  
a relief to think of such a  
career - "Every ship is romantic"

But the one we sail in" and  
I remember Emerson has some  
very romantic things to say  
about school teachers - but then  
on the other side there is my  
friend Babcock - gone to his  
reward - what a perfect  
gentleman! scholarly, refined -  
and he did delight in teaching  
boys! I wish you had known  
him - He taught somewhere near  
Boston before he came to Chicago -

Cordially

Wm L. Webb

P.S. Just now in putting your notes  
on S. Cutler in place I find I have  
already a transcript from the Flora  
Bor. Amer. concerning, S. Flora Mus.  
so you need not mind -

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
April 22/44

My dear Mr Deane -

Prior about this  
Perlix arctica muddle - I wrote  
carefully - You may have had  
occasion to observe that I do  
occasionally (?) do that sort of  
thing - Let's try again -

Pallas first used the name  
S. arctica - there is no question  
about that - subsequently R. Brinn  
applied the same name to  
another species - Lodeborn  
regarded the two as if one species  
hence so far as he is concerned  
the use of the S. arctica Pallas as  
the oldest name is perfectly  
legitimate - But Anderson

and all botanists of the present  
day regard the two Willows as  
distinct species - Now it seems there  
can be no question about the  
plants of Pallas since his type  
specimen is still in existence  
If there is any such species as  
*S. arctica* Pallas (as Anderson notes  
it) then the specimen upon which  
*S. arctica* Pallas was founded is  
the type of *S. arctica* - Isnt that  
plain - Now what does Anderson do  
He makes a *S. Pallasii* out of  
*S. arctica* Pallas - which was all  
well enough - but after he had  
done this the *S. arctica* which  
remained is the *S. arctica* of  
Rott Boem and not of  
Pallas - If there is any such  
species as *S. arctica* Pallas to



He recognized it is the  
signature of S. Pallasii and  
not the signature of S. arctica  
R. Brown - the real blunder of  
Andersson is in giving the  
S. arctica Pallas another name  
and yet in retaining the name  
afterwards for a species to  
which Pallas himself did not  
apply it -

S. arctica Pallas = S. Pallasii and DC  
S. arctica R. Brown - not of Pallas

Andersson was queer in the  
use of names. He seemed to stick  
them here and there. To suit his  
fancy - imagining vainly that they  
would stay stuck! Not a single  
one of his innovations has been  
accepted in either Europe or  
America - One of his notions

was that he had a perfect right  
to give a new name (with "Andas"  
written after it of course) the very  
new combination of old waters as -  
In instance *S. livida* and *S. portulaca*  
were written under the name of "*S.*  
*vagans*" - *S. lascaudon* and *S. thalassina*  
under "*S. argutus*" - and so on -

I take heed. I have been  
waiting, for several years to  
see if I would get your young  
looking again - but its no use -

I am not studying Botany  
just at present. I am building  
a lapstreak boat - and every evening  
I am so tired that I just sit  
by the fire and doze most of the  
evening which is 8 o'clock!

I read with interest what you  
write of Norway - Dear me - If I had  
for the winter a warm bath and a cold  
bath in succession I should want the  
cold one first! Cordially Best

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
May 30/77

Dear Mr Deane -

If you will be patient a little longer - for owing my manifold delinquencies I will promise in time to catch up all arrears - The boat is not wholly to blame - it has not touched water yet. It will be launched next Tuesday in a little lake in Walworth Co, Wis, on the shore of which we have bought a lot and in the next three weeks propose to build a

Cottage. - Anna - That is Mrs B -  
my inseparable companion  
goes with me next Monday -  
The family will follow as  
soon as the children are out  
of school - We must have a  
roof ready to cover their heads  
by that time. - Landerdale  
Lake is a delightful summer  
retreat and one of the things  
which will help me out in  
this matter of correspondence  
will be a description of our  
vacation surroundings - Possibly  
I may be tempted into doing  
a little old fashioned field  
work - I shall go provided with  
dies at any rate -

Thanks for a copy of  
your sketch of the life of  
Dr Gray - with portrait  
accompanying - I am always  
glad to have such things  
to preserve with botanical  
miscellaneous - even if I have  
read them before as first  
published -

Next winter I am expecting  
to do more Willow work than  
I ever have before - If some  
unseen and uncalculated family  
untoward event does not interfere  
I see no reason why I may  
not start in early - with helps  
that I have never had before

I shall have Mr Deane to call  
upon for reference to the  
Harvard library - and since last  
winter Mr J. G. Baker of Ken-  
has kindly offered to assist me  
there - in solving the perplexing  
<sup>doubts</sup> ~~questions~~ which only a further  
examination of the old types  
of Hooker - Andersson &c can  
remove - I believe it is  
understood that I am to do the  
Salis work for the forthcoming  
new edition (with enlarged range  
of Gray's Manual - Do you know  
I am sorry to have the range  
extended - What we need now is  
popularize the study of Botany  
more than of restricted range  
I am glad that in the old days

CARICES BOREALI-AMERICANÆ.

EX COLL. VARIORUM, DISTRIBUIT S. T. OLNEY ANNO 1870.

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*Carex panicea*, *L.*,

var. *Canbyi*, forma *prolittera*, - *Olney Mss. Car. Bor. Am.*  
*ined.*

HAB. Illinois, *E. Hall*.

Landerdale Lakes, near  
Elkhorn, Wis.

July 23/84

Dear Mr Deane.

I have a hazy recollection of having made last spring all sorts of promises, to mend my ways as to promptness in letter writing, when I got up to the Lakes. Alas for good intentions as excuse for non performance of present obligations. Never in my life since I began writing letters at all have I been



so absolutely, oblivious to all  
ordainment, politeness and even  
filial duty in this regard as  
I have been for a month  
past. At first I did not a  
little to help the carpenter  
build the cottage - I enjoyed  
doing a good days work - ate  
like a horse and slept like  
a log - but when coming home  
last night I found up my  
writing material and do something  
towards lowering the pile of  
unanswered letters. The job looked  
so appalling - and to reduce it  
by only one or two points. so  
unimportant a performance  
in the face of the totality  
required. I gave up and

- let my stylograph do up -  
and instead during the hours  
of cool twilight threw myself  
into the arms of the forest  
spruce and the Western  
saw me along the shady  
shores of the lake till bed  
time - In this way I have  
made my first personal  
acquaintance with agouties.  
The waters of the lake are  
clear as crystal - and I who  
have never before. Day after  
day. floated over beds of  
Potamogetons - Chara - Sagittaria -  
Scheuchzeria - for the first  
time the wilderness of our

friend Morong - What few  
Potamogetons I ever collected  
from stagnant pools and in  
flowing streams of impure  
water. were always so encrusted  
with lime and various deposits  
of mineral and vegetable  
matter that I ~~always~~ felt  
them the result of preserving them  
out of all proportion to their  
actual value - I ~~was~~ <sup>specifying</sup> but why  
is not this same <sup>specifying</sup> which I  
collected and so much more and  
more satisfactory but I see now -  
Nevertheless I have been content  
for this season to glance over  
them - collecting has gone by  
default along with other  
writing - Will at the bottom  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> page let me by in

To my mind about the  
"Boat" and "Cottage" - The boat  
is a complete success - She is  
14 feet long, 4 ft beam broad  
and 18 in depth and this makes  
her when she is lightly loaded  
makes her very easy to  
row with only two persons in  
while the width of beam and  
depth, 27 in, gives her in  
carrying capacity for a  
family of four - With two  
strong boys on one side and  
two vigorous girls on the other -  
pulling four 9 ft oars. Mrs B  
and the younger Betty weighting  
down the stern (they do it well  
I can assure you -) and myself  
for look out and command in

this bow we don't propose to take  
second place on any account -  
- either as to the size of our  
load - or the speed with which  
it is propelled - I will send  
you some photographs by fly  
of the cottage which is a small  
affair - of my own designing -  
- with only this merit so far as  
exterior is concerned - viz that  
it does not look as if it had  
strayed out of town and been  
lost in the woods -

I shall be glad to hear  
from you "more than once"  
before the end of Sept. - but make  
no more rash promises -

I still hold to my intention  
of making the winter of '88'9  
my most industrious winter of  
all in the study of Salix

I propose in fact to play  
Professor - to ask my friends  
to ask questions - borrow  
specimens as if I were capable  
of using them for the public  
good - in fact I am simply  
glad of an excuse to gratify  
a personal pleasure / deluge  
my friends with letters  
till they will wish me in a  
concrete world. Follows fair  
flourish - make lots of drawing  
in my barbarisms - (I have to do  
that) - in a word - to an  
account of putting you a  
minimum of appreciable achieve-  
ment -

I shall not get to  
Cleveland this year - can't  
afford it - Sorry! - for Carter  
and Ward and my old intimates

company. Very, and some  
Spelling and other work.  
... ..

meeting - I brought in my  
book the rough draft MS of  
White Mountain Millers II - we  
have never so much as enrolled  
it.

In fact I find that  
nothing will do but I still  
love Notarists - and am  
always glad to hear from  
them.

Caroline  
W. L. L.

Landdale Lakes, near  
Elkhorn, Wis  
Aug 9<sup>th</sup> /88

My dear Mr Deane -

It is a constant  
surprise to us here in this  
secluded spot - how we get our  
mail - Nine miles distant from  
Elkhorn - with no preconcerted arrange-  
ment for its delivery. we get yet  
our letters and papers everyday,  
almost without fail, and sometimes  
twice or even thrice daily - We  
never know when or from whence  
to expect the mail - Any cottager  
that happens in town brings the  
mail for all - or a liveryman  
is coming out - A little boy, from  
up the lakes rows up to our



laxiding, before breakfast with  
letters - and perhaps later in  
the day a lad from a neighboring  
farm house kindly serves us  
in like manner. The lakes are  
really quite secluded and quiet  
[that is why we came here, - and  
yet everybody is so accommodating  
and willing to serve that all  
are benefitted by only an  
occasional effort on the part  
of any single individual.

I was lounging under the shade  
of an old oak, listening to the  
reading of the last number of  
the Horn - by Mrs B. and other  
lectures of the party when your  
last letter was handed me. - I  
can not just explain - even to  
my own satisfaction. let alone that  
of a person at a distance - just  
what it is that gives zest to

the reading of a letter from a  
friend under such circumstances,  
the pleasure comes so unexpectedly  
- and you have such a fresh  
outburst of artistic appetite - to devour  
all that is written -

I wish that you had found  
such a profitable resting place  
so near home - But I see at  
a glance that if I set out to  
answer your letter you are bound  
- to let myself loose - at every  
suggestion - as of Mr. Mowbray and  
his trip - and - his wife - women -  
clature - the N. Y. Catalogue - Prof. Greene  
&c - I shall scribble over eight pages  
and even then not be half done  
w. it what I have set out to do  
This morning is to give you a  
rough description of Landerdale  
Lakes - To begin with - you

Probably know something of the  
condition of surface in which the  
Great Green Bay Glacier left this  
whole region - mountains and  
irregular ridges of drift, with  
lakes wherever a depression was  
too deep for water to find an  
outlet - Hence the shores are rolling  
or hilly but never presenting  
precipitous cliffs - There are some  
lakes in the group to which one  
lakes belong - first Pleasant Lake  
a small body of water with neither  
surface inlet or outlet - then the  
three Rounddale lakes - with no  
surface inlet but with a considerable  
outlet - and finally three more small  
lakes further to the south which  
like Pleasant Lake have no outlets,  
- On the next page I will draw a  
rough map of our lakes to  
help me out

Dr. Phillips Hotel

Pleasant Lake  
3/4 mile

Upper Lake

Long Point

Island

a. Beloit Club H.  
b. Uphorn "  
c. Cottage  
d. Whitewater "

Middle Lake

Springs

Lower Lake

01 Ruhl & Waldo  
02 Robt.  
01 Mr. Hollenbeck

At the extreme west end of middle lake are a number of numerous springs - probably the outlet of some subterranean communication with water bodies of water - They vary from 10 to 100 ft in depth - and to float over them in a boat gives a strange impression as if you were suspended in mid-air - The water is beautifully clear and slightly impregnated with sulphur - Down the sides of the bowl shaped springs the banks are covered with an aquatic growth fresh water algae - of an intense emerald green through which some sharply defined streaks of an intense purple or amethystine color - probably also a vegetable growth - At the bottom the water rises through clean white sand -

In some places the lakes are quite deep - 60 to 100 feet - but from the greater part the depth scarcely exceeds that at which some sort of aquatic vegetation is seen to flourish

- hence this excellent fishing - The  
brown black bass - perch - rock bass  
- all the best game fish of the  
region - And I will just have here  
to remark that we have been fed  
on fish fried - fish boiled - fish  
baked - filler - of fish breaded - fish  
chopped - and even, my Mrs B and  
desire to say, the kiss of fare till  
I can fully appreciate the action  
taken by members of our early  
Illinois Legislature at Pandalia  
who kicked against a monopoly of  
venison and carnos back ducks and  
insisted that the landlows should  
give them "some civilized meat like  
salt pork"! -

Now if you and Mrs Deane  
could only make us a visit for a  
week - not less - it takes a week to  
get over the excitement of strange  
surroundings and get settled down to

be real large - we would give you  
a sort of intensified experience of  
the "rowdy west" - "Biled shirts" are  
not allowed under any circumstances -  
and one of the funny sights which  
we all turn out to believe is that of  
a departing guest - fixed up with a  
stiff collar and derby hat, - the  
fishing is done before breakfast usually -  
- after breakfast better writing - after  
dinner lounging and reading -  
- in the evening, twilight boating -  
and you should be taken along  
the south shore of middle lake to  
see foliage effects which we all  
admire exceedingly - And now we  
must have a surprise in store  
for you - just <sup>now</sup> those surprises that  
in some sort are characteristic of  
our western life - viz classic music  
rendered in a way that would  
command the approval of even your  
Bostonians - I really haven't gotten

over the cupine and the real  
sincerity of this myself.  
The Dutchess on neighbor on the  
south is the general Boston agent for  
the Dutchess - and an exceptionally  
fine town. He brings with him  
every summer a fine friend - One  
lady in church is a graduate of  
the Boston University - a fine pianist  
- good reader - a neat, conscientious  
giver - then just north of us is a  
young lady who is an accomplished  
violinist. I have heard you to take  
all this with a grain of salt. She is  
really just what I say - Now what is  
so that together says what its being so  
long for the spirit to content itself  
with things that are commoner - and  
that are almost if possible to a number  
of things each day including the  
hearing of fine music - and  
speaking a few "reasonable words"



The music we have it is our  
fault if we do not speak the  
reasonable words - for fine pictures  
we must substitute notions of  
of brilliant currents with a background  
of forest and lake - But I forget  
myself, I was entertaining, meets I  
believe - Well - after the music you  
would have to go to bed under a  
roof where you could see the rafters  
and hear the rain pattering on the  
shingles if there happened to be a  
rain - and family matters - including  
all confidential talk would have to  
be done in whispers or postponed since  
your recitation takes the parrot only  
extended up eight feet - And so on -  
My paper warns me stop - Some  
other day I will discuss nomenclature.  
As between Brooklyn and San Francisco I am like  
the fellow who didn't like the Yankee way  
of saying, "dars" and he equally disliked the  
Southern way of saying, "darsce" - I do  
prefer <sup>something between the two</sup> - darsce

Truly  
Yours

926 Grand Ave  
Brookline Mass  
Sept 4/97

Dear Mr. Lawrence

Just a few lines  
to let you know that we are  
home again - the younger children  
have all started in school and  
we would be settling down to  
steady occupations for this winter  
were it not that Mrs Ball has  
just received a letter from her  
sister saying that their mother -  
now in her 86th year - is failing.  
Mrs B. will probably start for  
Providence R.I. next week to be  
for some time can scarcely tell how long -  
Whether I shall pitch into Willows  
to fill up the loneliness hours or  
whether I shall find family  
cares so multiplied as to keep

our house - and I shall do I Trust know  
after all we have lived together a good  
many years - that it's just as im-  
possible as anything else for him  
to leave children as he is altogether  
willing to acknowledge - and he does not  
reluct at all the thought of being  
deprived for even one month of a  
compassion which is constant as the  
house becomes part and parcel of his  
daily life.

We were all more benefited  
by our stay at the doctor's than  
we had anticipated - In two hours  
Rail Road riding home I am very  
sure that I took into my lungs  
more dust and vile atmosphere  
than I had breathed before in two  
minutes - Mrs B is complaining now  
that the cure for life has "spoiled"  
her that somehow she can not get  
hold in earnest of her household  
duties here at home - whereas I  
rejoice - and express my opinion

that when a woman has once learned  
to keep house perfectly, this world  
unwittingly, becomes her a second  
state of existence -

I did not go to Albany -  
and have seen in the Press that  
and Chicago, Papers and the briefest  
mention of this meeting - I wonder  
what any time this meeting  
first met, etc - I shall look with  
a great curiosity for the next  Gazette  
By the way, as your name has been  
this meeting expected to remain abroad.

Let me hear from you  
often and excuse this mere  
apology of your a letter written I  
from Albany, to come back the  
ball -

Truly yours  
Miss E. B. L.

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Apr 21/88

My dear Mr Deane:-

Judging from the  
impression which my last letter  
seems to have given you I  
must have been down in the dumps  
when it was written. In truth I  
was discouraged. Such a heap  
of things, all to be done before  
January 1<sup>st</sup> loomed up before  
me - all the more that I  
under pressure that many things  
became too serious and might  
under more favorable circumstances  
afford the greater satisfaction  
in the doing - things social -  
things financial. things botanical,  
Well I will tell you what I

did. I made a list including  
every bird one - made it as big  
as I could. But after all the  
work that devolved on this morning  
specimen of which I saw and have  
very much appreciated - then I shut  
my study door with a bang and  
went to rest, at the least release  
of all the obligations of the day. I am  
happy to report that a quarter for  
partially paid in, has lessened  
the apparently insurmountable load  
consequently so much so that I have  
felt fully assured this morning in  
entering my study and beginning  
to straighten up things. Preparing  
to this sort of pottering over retained  
affairs which it would be absurd in  
me to call work. I have acres  
of correspondence to catch up and  
to-morrow I hope to block out the  
Williams for the Museum. I wish  
I had time to give some of the  
species - of course *L. nigra* - a

Once upon a time make a  
statement for which we have since  
been sufficiently alerted about  
men and women - the  
transmission of - passions and powers  
which has an application here -  
- To deny categorically that the  
male shares in any degree the  
"sanctity" or "purity" of  
acquired qualities - transmitted  
through the "conservative female"  
seems to me a weakening of  
an otherwise sound argument by  
pushing it to untenable lengths.

Sincerely yours  
W. L. G. L.

thorough study. But under  
pressure I must force this - I  
am in hopes to give our home  
species a more satisfactory grouping  
and to amend Mr. Carey's  
description - (excellent as far as they  
go) as to being there more into  
keeping with what is now recognized  
as essential -

I like our friend Stoddard's  
article in the Common in "Our  
Little Hobbies" - I feel in full  
sympathy with the drift of his  
argument and admire the way  
in which he has "applied familiar  
facts to the point at issue." But  
what he has meant by the  
sweeping assertion that "acquired  
qualities die with the [male] individ-  
ual" did not a certain Mr. Darwin



Rockford Ills  
Nov 2 /88

My dear Mr Deane -

My plans for the autumn and early winter have been all upset and with both heart and mind otherwise absorbed I have felt an almost insurmountable disinclination to botanical pursuits - and letter writing as well - I have put off answering your last most welcome letter in the hope that a change of mood would come to my relief, but from the days of Marcus Aurelius down to the present time it has required all the philosophy that human nature could command to overcome such a fatal excuse for delay. I am thinking now that I can expect - at any rate - my old

midwinter season for steady -  
day from January to March - and  
after the holidays I shall make  
a desperate attempt to rekindle  
this old enthusiasm -

Your account of the past  
seasons harboring recalls to  
my mind - very forcibly - my  
own industry and pleasure in  
like pursuits - "years and years  
ago" - The housemother and "head-  
center" - (heart-center would be a  
better word) of this domestic  
establishment returned to her  
place two weeks ago and things  
have been settling down into  
the old grooves since - so that it  
now seems almost like a dream  
that she was away for a month.  
I sincerely trust that Mrs Deane  
who was "steadily improving" when  
you last wrote - may by this

time have entirely regained her health -

Dear old friend J. Blake! I never saw him - but I loved him all the same - I came to know him in all his traits almost as if he had lived next door - And his barbarium offered for sale at \$100! I wonder if time counts at day labour wages per hour - paper - express charges - and other outlays were all added up what the sum would be? How much we prize our barbaria - and what would they be "worth on the market"? - But Ah blessed for ever be illusions - and when I am too old - too worldly-wise - to care to yield to their potent influence may I be translated! Mr Blake's specimens were often far from satisfactory - and I fear

his mounting would betray, the  
same lack of neatness - Twenty five  
years ago Blake was one of a group  
of old fashioned botanists - which is  
now hard to duplicate at the  
present day - as active out door  
workers of nature - or do I grow  
old - and being "out of the swing"  
myself fancy the entire situation  
changed - Let me name that group  
Blake - Chisham - Paton - Traill - Greene  
Vasey - Hall - Hall - with Bartlett -  
short and Olney growing old and  
lazy - and Patterson - Barnech - just  
coming on - Oh yes and Cassy - why did  
I forget him - Well we used to  
collect in gravity and divide up -  
If in my day I was not the means  
of supplying every herbarium on the  
face of the earth with Pulsatilla -  
Attalium and Geum triflorum - it  
must be because those who received  
specimens did not properly sub-  
divide -

Have you read me friend

Ward in the last Forum  
on "Our Better halves" - A  
capital working over of already  
admitted premises - and the  
deduction of conclusions that  
seem so true - so almost self-  
evident that we all must  
wonder that <sup>we</sup> were so stupid as  
not to think the same thing  
for ourselves - It is helpful  
too to have the point so forcibly  
presented thus for the evolution  
of man we must cultivate  
the conservative female trunk  
rather than the variable  
male side line - I have always  
congratulated myself that I was  
not created a male spider - it  
is so much nicer to be a

lover and be coddled rather  
than to be a lover and  
then be jokked - but when  
you come right down to the  
bottom facts - I rather guess  
that the position we occupy  
in nature is not so very-  
very far from the spiders  
after all -

You will let me know  
when you hear from Mr. Moray

Cordially

O. B. B.

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 89

My dear Mr Deane -

I wish you a  
Happy New Year!

Since the fools of both sexes  
killed New years calling there  
is nothing left for an oldish  
gentleman like myself but to  
stay at home - clean house - clear  
the decks for action - or by whatso-  
ever metaphor you please - to  
get things in order for another  
years work - That is what I have  
been doing all morning - Amusing  
bundles not before disturbed since  
last spring - finding out where  
I had left things &c &c -

I have the Willows for the  
Manual written out - an improvement  
I would fair hope on what  
has gone before - and now while  
I have my hands in and feel  
in the mood for side work I  
intend to block out a monograph  
of all the N. American species -  
The rush of things that carried  
me clear off my feet three  
months ago has pretty much  
subsided and I see no good  
reason why I may not count  
upon this or three months that will  
give me a few hours at least  
every day for steady -

I have just sent Mrs Britton  
a little note for the Bulletin  
picking up "E. & S" for this weekless  
conjecture that fall bearing



by Willows might be the result  
of "insect agency" become hereditary  
What superstitious nonsense!

I wrote to Ward, making  
essentially the same criticism  
on his article - as I did in  
my last letter to you - I take  
the liberty of including his  
reply - which please return -

How much inspiration you  
must get from constantly meeting  
and associating with Botanists  
"The one event in our lives which  
is never forgotten is the alighting  
of an intelligent stranger at our  
gate" - I almost never see one  
unless I go and hunt him up  
at some convention! - Botanists  
I mean -

My hip pockets have been empty and useless for months - I shall begin stuffing them shortly!

I had some correspondence a few years ago with Mr J. D. Smith. Thus I doubt not come to an end through my fault - and inefficiency. He happened to strike me when almost perforce I was absorbed in pot-boiling cares. Pray tell me what manner of man he is - age - personal characteristics - &c I fancy <sup>that</sup> being driven down is less a tyrannical circumstance in his case than in <sup>that</sup> some of the rest of us. Thanks for the pretty holiday greeting, and remembrance -  
Cordially Beth

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 1899

My dear Mr Deane -

Had you done  
anything else than send  
me with your last letter  
some Williams of the fragilis -  
alba group for my specimen  
I would have replied long  
ago - I have it now, specimen  
for my own personal use that  
I would guarantee to last  
a fortnight! - I send off my  
Vol of the Manual Salicis  
the first of the week - and  
the only changes I have wished  
to make since the paper left  
my hands were in regard  
to their plate -

Your No 1 is Salix Russelliana  
Lam. a form near fragilis -  
Mr Baker, as quoted by Hooker -  
considers this as not even an  
variety of fragilis - but this

view is not entertained by those who have more attentively studied hybrid Willows - as probably Mr. Baker has, not - for he writes me that he knows less about Willows now than he did twenty five years ago - Inferentially he has given them little thought since his work at Kew has been otherwise divided.

No 2 - S. alba not adulterated - but it is neither alba typical of Europe - nor viridula - nor reticulata -

It is just Americana alba and I don't know what else to call it -

3. S. nigra - This is good nigra. As I should say, also of No 4 - It is only convenient to keep up the name fulcata for some forms with extremely narrow and fulcata - (very the shaped is just the word) leaves.

5. alba again - Of alba-reticulata we have only the ♀ - Other forms of alba I have not seen much of growing - I had a tree of

vitellina is the very common, place  
(Oranienburg) that long before  
any other European Willow was

planted near was anually fertilized  
perfectly by some agency - no doubt  
with lucida pollen - I wish I  
had taken a good supply of  
specimens for these ones I have  
now which the only fully filled  
out ones in my herb. of American  
growth.

You will be surprised when  
I tell you that there are only  
4 sheets of *S. fragilis* (var. *straminea*,  
*Tricellanea* and so called *decipiens*)  
in this frag. herb. and half of  
them showing only leaves!

You know I wanted a variety  
of *S. nigra* for Ward. I imagine  
Prof. Carpenter did not altogether approve  
of my doing so - thought I supposed  
that the plant was not even a  
variety of *nigra* - Well what do you  
think? I have found a good  
specimen of good var. *Wardii*.

call short Falls of the this - 1840.  
- ~~short~~ leaves only - short leaves  
his specimen *Salix cordata* -  
Carey keeps his pen through  
*cordata* - through the sheet MAN 2A L 1847  
and notes underneath "angustata"  
Pursh - and finally carries  
Andersson who describes them  
leaves (D C Pursh) as a new form  
of "angustata discolor" - So  
now I hold up my head - If  
leaves of this plant - was accompanied  
by arborescence - can this resemble the  
very elect - surely I was justified  
in making it a variety -

Yours cordially  
O. B. B.

P.S. Yours with kind letters at hand  
- always glad to hear from you - Also  
I shall not forget Brewster place for  
specimens - any more than I shall prize  
the books for the acquisition of knowledge - We too are having  
very nice weather - How old is Mr. Smith?

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Feb 6/19

My dear Mr Deane -

Will you please (sometimes within a week - at your convenience) refer to the original description of Salix petiolaris, Smith. Linn. Trans 6. 122 and copy for me what is there said as to habitat. I believe the plant was at first supposed to be of British origin. In the oldest reference my limited library affords I find that "it was sent to Mr Crowe by Mr. Dickson along with the last (S. laurina) as of British growth"

Mr Crowe and Mr Dickson were cultivators of Willows in those days. I only wish to refer to this matter incidentally - but like Davy cricket - wants to be sure I am right before I go ahead -

I suppose I was to appear in both the Feb. Bulletin and Feb. Gazette - in the former with No 11 of White Stone

Williams in the latter with some  
notes on the Lamatae group with a  
description of a pretty little var  
of S. Richardsonii found last summer  
by Mr J. M. Macoun on the island  
of James & Jan, —

As to S. nigra - it is only convenient  
to keep up the var falcata for forms  
with narrow, scythe shaped leaves - the  
dividing, line will of course be a  
shifting, one "depending upon the taste  
and fancy of the speller" as Sam Miller  
says - the stipules come and go  
according to their own sweet will  
- be the leaves what they may,  
they really afford no distinction -

You will be surprised perhaps when  
I tell you that I once had for distribution  
100 or more good specimens of S. conjugata  
- Alas this <sup>was</sup> more than twenty years ago  
and the stock was soon exhausted -

I can not keep you out on your  
desiderata - through somebody - as active  
as I was in years gone by ought  
surely to supply C. glabra - this is  
not so hopeless as most of the  
others named - I am impatient to  
see Moore's article in the next Bull.  
Cordially Both



926 Grand ave  
Rockford Ills  
Feb 7/89

My dear Mr Deane:

While you are  
about it may I beg a further  
assistance of the sort mentioned  
yesterday - Please refer to  
Chamisso in Linnaea p 539 and  
copy for me all that relates to  
S. myotillorides of 1. 2. 3 & 4.

We have on our northern  
coast and ~~range~~<sup>extending</sup> northward  
to Point Barrow a series of forms  
of S. myotillorides - gradually  
modified by subarctic and  
extreme arctic influences, which  
are very perplexing. Without  
having access to the herbaria of  
Kew and St Petersburg - nor to any  
very extensive botanical library  
it would seem as if I was in  
no situation to undertake any  
original investigation of these  
forms. But I can not escape  
the necessity of arriving at some

opinion concerning them - and  
frequently study of some  
collections has shaken my  
confidence - never very strong -  
in Andersens work - here as  
in other directions - He can not  
be relied upon - You never know  
how the tide runs.

I have no idea whatever  
of Chamisso's work the whole I  
infer from - As the references all  
seem to be to page 539 I infer the  
matter is not lengthy - Please let  
anything that may (in the light of  
what I have written) bear upon  
the investigation in hand -

Also, if you have patience, Salix  
polaris leucocarpa Chamisso Hamaea  
6. 3-42 - and S. cetracea rotundifolia  
L. det fl Ross 3. p 624.

I don't mean to send  
my one of the children to school -  
I fear you are very busy  
and that I am asking for more  
than a fair share of the leisure  
you can command after the duties  
of the day - but your past indulgence

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1899

My dear Mr Deane -

Thanks for the  
transcriptions from Chamisso - They  
are of immense interest and  
accompanying in the form to which  
they relate will be of permanent  
value. The Island of St Paul  
stands for me as yesterday, two  
things. A real path and a  
very peculiar willow - not so very  
much unlike related forms but  
after all with enough of peculiar  
character to be recognized at once -  
I doubt if another willow grows on  
the island - but every collector is  
sure to get this one - It must  
be common for the average  
collector to not pick up a willow  
as a general rule if he can  
step over it or get around it -  
Now one of the things which I  
wished to know was just  
where in the series of forms

I have therefore made an active  
modification of the original  
by changing the plant and  
in a place. I expected to have  
to follow up little hints here and  
there and get along the best I  
could with what keeps my limited  
resources would yield. I may see  
therefore my surprise when I found  
the description of *Farma 4* looking  
up "Insula Sancti Pauli". That  
seemed so! even if the description  
following, had not been entirely  
confirmatory.

It is delightful and  
stimulating, it must be the most  
real botanists - the live right  
amongst such people. Years ago  
when Babcock was alive, in  
Chicago. When Hall also was "in  
the form" and Patterson was  
active. I did used to see a <sup>one in a while</sup> ~~brother~~  
devoted of the amiable science - ~~of~~  
the sight was rare. But now I  
see one - I go (with Mrs B.) to  
Monday, evening, clubs - and Pauson  
clubs and all the rest of it

in any historical question  
less than two hundred years  
old. That I had come to  
imagine that he, MacD, had  
no interest in any historical  
question not as old as the  
Tertiary - to say the least - and  
I was both surprised and  
delighted to find that he could  
still write so enthusiastically  
about the plants of the period.  
The sun now shines upon  
— not mentioning the need for  
a specimen of the "King, devil"

By the way I have, along with  
rest of us I suppose, received a circular  
of the projectors Monographs of the  
British Museum - price only six  
dollars a year for five years  
- thirty dollars for a series of  
seven species according to Bonthuis  
10. However - But after all it is  
difficult in such a case to say  
how many species there should be.  
The 7 or 10. seem as difficult to limit  
as the 40 or 50. of other authors -

in one or many in this letter - while Bob

in pursuit of mental stimulus  
and the pleasures of social  
intercourse - but I am not  
tempted to "talk shop" even if  
I felt so inclined - nobody to  
talk to! Still a prophet doth  
have honor even in his own  
land - Did I ever tell you  
about a cranky old maid who  
died in town a few years ago  
- I never saw her - never had any  
communication with her whatsoever  
- but she bequeathed me her  
herbarium! - in one volume - one  
third full - pink paper - I do  
wish you could see it! -

I have a very flattering  
note from Cutter about my  
forthcoming Willow paper in  
the Feb. Gazette - Yes I enjoyed  
Murray's letter in the Bulletin  
and Ward article in the  
Gazette hugely - I immediately  
wrote to Ward that I had  
heard that Prescott always  
said that he had no interest

926 Grand Ave  
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Feb 28<sup>th</sup> /89

My dear friend Deane:-

I have been under the weather for a week or more - unable to write or even to read - and comfortable so long as I did not undertake to do anything. I know there are lots of people with a constitution like mine & a similar character - so I do not like to state my condition too frankly without qualification - but it is a fact that I could see mighty comfortable on a lounge (barring guano of conscience) and get fine when I presumed upon that to get up and go about my daily avocations - that I just couldn't -

If that is the way an awfully lazy man feels all the time - he has my heartfelt sympathy -

I have enjoyed "Doctor Hodge's letters" - as much as you can imagine - and his very account

of Paraguay, and the  
at old Jesuit city-  
Acumiam has been read over and  
over and over again the I can  
not tell you how many persons.  
Mr Taylor (Mowbray old classmate)  
particularly enjoyed it. I should  
have returned one letter and forwarded  
the other sooner. That is not true for  
my illness in part. and the desire  
to let just one more friend perhaps  
share our pleasure. Thanks.

With the exception of a letter to  
Cortler yesterday. acknowledging, the  
receipt of his revision of our Umbell  
specie. This is the first writing of any  
but that I have done in ten days  
and even now I find both hand  
and head a little shaky. Cortler  
has done an admirable work on  
our Umbelliferae. Consistent throughout  
(too consistent in fact when he  
reduces *Sanicula Marylandica*) and  
the plates are beauties! To the students  
they must prove most serviceable.  
I don't thank C & R however for  
crediting me with "field notes"



retating, to Gyner - More than  
ten years ago I had arrived  
at the very views now published  
- and it was fifteen years ago  
that I discovered the sessile central  
fruitlet of Gyner as a generic  
character - Nobody knows this any  
better than Coulter and it would  
have been just a bit magnanimous  
on his part to have  
made the acknowledgement - instead  
of appropriating <sup>the discovery</sup> ~~it~~ to himself and  
crediting me with "field notes".  
I detest this sort of thing not because  
it hurts my vanity in any way  
- but I would like to see every  
botanist go out of his way if  
need be to render to others  
every last bit of credit due!  
But what a snag for Coulter the  
strike is Bupleurum - a natural  
genus if there is one in Umbelliferae  
and yet not founded upon morpho-  
logical characters! So also the  
return to one Saurauca. Coulter  
says always separable but only

My characters thus are varietal  
How does he know that? One long  
styles and short styles mean  
characters - especially when constantly  
combined with others? Because two  
species of Sarracenia can not be  
separated carpologically they  
must be varieties - because two  
species of Bupleurum can not  
be united carpologically - they seem  
to belong to two genera! Minute  
histological characters are useless  
so long as they conform to and  
strengthen natural subdivisions -  
when carried beyond this - being made  
the sole basis of classification they  
are no great help after all. My  
experience with Willows is that  
they abound where they are not  
needed and become worthless just  
when we most need something reliable  
to help out!

My herbarium on pink paper is  
not very "little" but it is "funny"  
all the same. Sometimes I may  
send you a few sheets or pages.

No! there was no paper from  
me in the Feb Gazette but  
what was a good deal better  
than was a breezy account  
of hibernating on Cape Cod by  
One Walter Deane - which my  
wife read to me. I do enjoy  
exceedingly just such things as  
this! What delightful conjuring  
to please a semi-invalid shut  
in by a winter snow storm -  
little ponds with clear sandy borders  
gay with Coreopsis - Lobelia and what  
not - a fringe of scrub oaks back  
to fine seclusion - and then the  
tuticularias - dashing, the surface  
with purple and yellow - Oh I  
just shut my eyes and took it  
all in - even the picking out  
some choice specimens with my  
own hands - washing them clean  
and arranging the dipping spays  
between the "folders" of the  
portfolios. I've been there - even  
if I am grown old & lazy.  
I, myself, didn't expect

another 'King Devil' from Frank  
- for I had written him that  
the specimens would serve by  
placing them in a pocket. (They  
were in reality poor and discolored  
to begin with). But last evening I  
received more in a good stiff  
package - and nice ones too!

My first pkgs (as perhaps I note) were  
in just the condition of yours - viz  
rolled up endwise and tied around  
with a string.

I hope to get back to the  
Billows in a few days and  
have nearly four weeks in which  
they can occupy the spare hours  
before the season for gardening  
begins -

Cordially yours

W. S. Webb

I hate this paper! I bought <sup>to</sup> use  
up a printer and now I am  
using it up in my friends

926 Grand Ave  
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March 23, 89

My dear Mr. Lane.

I don't think the picture looks very much like me after all! I naturally carry my head forward - and keep my eyes open! And the operator got me into an instrument of torture and straightened up my spine and then an effort to look down - I turned out sleepy - I did not intend you should recognize the man from the outside - Why, if you to me I should have taken it off-hand for a Willow to be named! Now where is your photograph? I have been impatient to ask for it all along, but could not in decency write I had sent my own - I ought to tell you that when the pictures came into the house it seemed to be the common understanding, down to the youngest

member of the family that one was  
to go to Mr Deane right off.  
I send you herewith a  
preliminary sketch of Notes on  
N. H. Williams B IV. I have made  
four copies. One I send to D Watson  
as a representative of the conservative  
school in the stir that is being  
made now-a-days about nomen-  
clature. One to Dr Britton as a  
representative of the school that  
brows the so botanical "Primer  
or Potentilla". — One to Prof Coulter  
for obvious reasons — and one  
to yourself because you will  
understand the questions better  
than any of them. Please criticize  
it. That is what it is sent for.  
Criticise it up and down — in  
general and in particular — as  
to matter and manner —  
candidly and freely. If it can't  
stand this sort of racket I don't  
want to publish it. There are  
some little things I should like  
to say — but they might prejudice

I send you  
enclosed, a botanical specimen  
rec'd from Florida some  
time ago, of which the sender  
says — "a plant of the  
Compositae that is new @  
Dr. Gray says of not only a  
new Genus but a new order."

Please write me what you  
can regarding this plant as  
I have no further information  
regarding it, than the above.

the point that interests me -

By the way have you read  
Coulter's essay on "Arctic Plants  
growing in New Brunswick" from  
Trans Roy. Soc. Canada - It is  
an interesting paper - I could  
lend you my copy - if you care  
to read it.

We are having delightful  
spring weather. Saturday P.M.  
we made our first open air  
planting in the vegetable garden.  
The soil is warm - dry & mellow -

Here is something rec'd last  
week from the wonderful novelty  
included was flowers of *Melia  
azedarach*! with leaves of some  
*Malvaceous plant*. "A plant  
of the *Compositae*" and yet  
belonging to the *Dipsacaceae* "say"  
"a new order!"

Yours cordially  
W. L. Webb



Your judgment and can just  
as well be said some other  
time.

Now there is something  
from the hip pocket - no need of  
haste in reply. I may not want  
to see this information inside of  
four months. Salix herbacea is  
a common arctic and alpine species  
of Europe - Andersson says also  
throughout the whole of Siberia  
but I suspect there is no  
evidence of its occurrence in  
Eastern Siberia. It is not found  
in Western Arctic America. - It  
grows on the alpine summits of  
New England and Lower Canada -  
and is reported from Greenland.  
Now will you please ascertain  
for me if it occurs in Eastern  
Arctic America and Iceland.  
Probably Hooker's Arctic Plants would  
afford the desired information.  
The distributions suggest a  
connection with Europe via  
Greenland and Iceland - That is

John W. McMillen, Jr.

he makes no reference to it. Both the  
exception of Geleboria and his mispronounced  
S. arctica, Pull and united with it as a  
synonym S. arctica H. Br. The first came  
to be recognized by all informed botanists  
that the name, S. arctica, had been given  
to the distinct species. Both names continued  
to be retained, one by its manifest priority,  
the other by the emanating authority of  
Hillebrand. The species were distinguished  
in each instance by citing one another  
and excluding the other. Thus it was  
S. arctica, Pull. f. var. H. Br. or vice versa  
or S. arctica H. Br. f. var. Pull. This state of  
things continued unchanged down to the  
time when Andersson's revision of the entire  
genus for Le Candolle's Monographies precipi-  
tated the suppression of one or the other  
of the two names. The older species now  
bore the name of S. Phyllasii C. A. and  
the authority of Hillebrand was carried over  
and imposed upon S. arctica H. Br. S. ar-  
ctica, Pull. became S. Phyllasii H. Br. and  
S. arctica H. Br. became S. arctica, H. Br. The  
name of S. Phyllasii C. A. The shifting of names,

stand:

in the same manner precisely as heretofore,  
Hood & Arcticus, Pull. has written down  
a synonym of S. Pallasii and S. arctica  
H. B. It is not without some degree of consistency  
could be urged in behalf of an author  
who, throughout, jumps back or on regard to  
claims of priority. It might be argued  
that S. arctica H. B. was as deeply embedded  
in the science that it could not, and  
ought not, be torn out by the roots and  
that it was better, since one of the two  
names must be suppressed, that the more  
obscure — even if necessary, the older one  
be suppressed. Any such apology however  
is not to be out of place when we have  
a new species made of the old S. Pallasii,  
the authority of Pallas transferred to a  
species of which he was actually ignorant,  
and which Brown left out entirely.\*

\* S. arctica, Pull.  
et alia propter speciem  
pallae latera,  
obscure,  
apice latera attenuata,  
integerrima.

S. Pallasii, et alia, crassiuscula, And.  
et alia supra medium  
pallae latera,  
obscure  
apice latera attenuata,  
integerrima.



HERB. M. S. BEBB.

S. arctica Hall! join the herbarium of  
Villiers, described S. arctica and that these  
did not differ from his S. Pallasi var  
diplocladya!

The venerable B. Hausskn. when given  
study of S. arctica Villiers and other families  
with the work done on S. arctica by Hausskn.  
& Tonnies seems anxious to give his opinion  
a weight beyond that of Anderson's notes  
on a letter. S. diplocladya differs from  
S. brownii, S. arctica Hall & St. H. only  
in the leaves green and shining beneath  
and no way by questions of the species is  
well founded. There are a few sentences  
we have the first and substance of the whole  
matter. 1. That S. diplocladya is not distinct  
from S. brownii; 2. That S. brownii is  
a synonym with S. arctica Hall (which  
is the main point) and finally 3. The  
familiar assertion that the S. arctica of  
Pallas is not the S. arctica of Robert Brown  
— a statement which can not be made  
for emphatic on view of the placid acqui-  
esence for years past in the claim of  
Anderson to the contrary.

It is to be regretted that a name  
grown so familiar as that of S. arctica  
R. Br. must needs be disturbed, on the  
other hand the open question of the priority  
of S. arctica, still can not be ignored,  
and as what Sir William J. Harker was  
wont to call "Mr Brown's S. arctica" was  
only sustained by the constant mention  
of the name of the distinguished author.  
Let us hope that the substitution of  
this name for the one preoccupied may  
in a large degree preserve unbroken  
the old associations.



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April 4/19

My dear Mr Deane

That must have  
been a good supper, satisfactory  
and not overlapping the general  
circulation - for it certainly strengthens  
you out on the S. arctica question.  
I thank you, over and over  
again, for your thoughtful  
consideration of my paper -  
Your detection of one slip of the  
pen (amounting to a downright  
blunder in a controversial  
discussion) more than repays me  
for all the trouble of sending  
out all of the copies. At the bottom  
of page 3 for "a new species made  
of the old S. Pallasii" read instead  
a new name given to the old S.  
arctica Pall. This I fancy is  
what threw you off the track  
in the first place and I wonder  
that it was so completely overlooked  
not only by myself but by Corliss

and Watson as well. Coulter by  
the way gives his "unqualified  
approval" and Watson says  
that I am "entirely right" - but I  
must not stop now, when I have  
in mind to answer your letter.  
Written I have not yet heard  
from - You after supper perhaps  
shows that you already apprehend  
the drift of my argument. so I  
need only to mention "some of the  
points that are still not quite clear"  
"Could a man be such a fool as to  
put against the name of a plant  
the authority of a man whom he  
knew never saw the plant?" Well  
yes! That is just what Andersson  
did - but it would not do for me to  
call names, however much it  
might add to the force of my  
presentation of the matter -

Andersson knew that his *S. Pallasii*  
was the equivalent of the old  
*S. arctica* Pall - ~~over~~ his own admis-  
sion. After describing *S. Pallasii*  
& *diplodictya* he says "Specimina a

hic descripta ex simi Laureculii  
a Chamisso, et a Suzeij inter obim  
fl. et mare glaciale in herbario  
Pallasii *S. arctica* miscripta vidi"  
- Furthermore in the "deadly  
parallel & columns" which I give  
in a foot. note - I quote from  
Pallas word for word and then  
the ego corresponding phrases of  
Andersson in describing *S. Pallasii*  
to show their downright equivalence  
- Your suggestion is a good  
one, and I shall put these  
columns in quotation marks  
and cite my authority - I thought  
this would be inferred from the  
heading - but see now the  
pertinency of your criticism -  
"I don't see how and could make  
the remarkable statement that  
Pallas's *S. arctica* resembled his  
*S. Pallasii* p." Well it beats  
me - Having admitted it - he  
did not restore the name  
because he claimed throughout  
the right to give a new name to

to a new combination of old  
species. regardless of any  
claim of priority. And why  
admitting it he did not cite  
S. arctica as a synonym of  
S. Pallasii. beats me, the man  
was not honest. That is the  
plain English of it - and this  
example is no worse than the  
one to which you will remember  
I corrected you as ago - where S.  
macrocarpa but was tucked off  
on a plant from Hudsons Bay  
which Butall never saw and  
his species captured for a new  
S. Geyeri Anders. with a  
bigger N. than I have room for,  
- or deliberately suppressing S.  
balsamifera <sup>Barnard</sup> in order to make  
room for S. pygmaea Anders.  
- The man could lie and steal  
on any occasion when he seemed  
to think detection remote and  
improbable! - "I still don't see  
why you need to prove that the  
old S. arctica Pall = S. Pallasii And."

Why! because on this hinges the whole question - If I can prove them ~~equal~~ then *S. Pallasi* must be changed back to *S. arctica* Pall. and then the name of *S. arctica* R. Br. being <sup>antiquated</sup> ~~pre-occupied~~ must needs be replaced by the *S. Brownii* which I propose - I do not rely so much on Anderson's admission or Frank's opinion either - as I do on the fact that there is no escaping the conviction upon <sup>given</sup> characters alone. Thus Pallas had in view the plants of Eastern Siberia and the Alaskan shores - and not the plants of Greenland, Eastern Arctic America - Labrador &c. - These characters are pronounced and fortunately are described in an extreme form as far as possible from the *S. arctica* of R. Br. I wonder a little that in repeating them Anderson did not paraphrase more than he did

The actual verbal coincidence  
in those columns is damning.  
But enough. After making the  
emendations and corrections herein  
note. please read my paper  
over again. and tell me why  
it is that I fail to make my  
statements clear. I confess it  
troubles me to find that you  
got "snarled". If a careful  
thoughtful reader like yourself  
can't make out what I mean  
- then I may ~~well~~ as well realize  
that the average fellow will go over  
about two pages and then jump up  
in disgust. Still I know it is  
something I never forget. - That precious  
few persons care for Willows anyway.  
- and my record is more a mere  
technical contribution to science  
than anything of interest beyond  
that. - I value your long letters  
(especially when I know that your time  
- minute by minute - has a money  
value) and thank you again  
for your really helpful criticisms

That Melia's notice means only  
foolishness - Don't you ever have  
things upon you just such  
stuff!

Don't imagine that all this  
time I have forgotten the  
photographs in town - We were  
all delighted to get it - You  
know you that for some  
reason which you may con-  
sider me as flattery a way  
as you chose - Mr Deane is  
a botanical correspondent in  
whom the whole family seem  
to have taken a personal  
interest - There were various criti-  
cisms which I have been to report  
only one of the children said  
that you "didn't look so much  
like a botanist as like an  
energetic young business man  
who was pretty well satisfied  
with the way the world had  
used him" - I received Mr  
Watson's picture at almost the  
same time - How much older

he has gone since I saw him  
last - 16 or 17 years ago - Dear me -  
is it so long ago as that!

I have laid aside for you some  
nice specimens of *S. arctica* R. Br. - both  
of the Pallasian species I have  
kept two specimens myself and  
no duplicate - there being, supplemented  
by tracings from the material in  
the Gray Herb. which is still in  
my hands. One of the jobs I have  
ahead of me is the re-arrangement of  
the varieties under both species  
and hence I did not return the  
Gray specimens with the rest of the  
Herb.

Yours cordially  
Wm. Lobb

Crozier hits the nail on the head. He  
writes me "I see the personal elements  
that makes you hesitate. It looks, on the face  
of it, like doing what Anderson did, viz.,  
killing one species and capturing another  
for yourself. I don't think you would hesitate  
at all if you were simply restoring the two  
species to their proper authors."



926 Frank Ave  
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April 10<sup>th</sup> 1899

My dear friend Deane  
I read, next  
morning, in the newspaper  
how the good people of Mass.  
had been spending their  
good day - but no mention  
was made of those persons  
who united themselves of the  
occasion to counsel public  
libraries in the interest of  
science - Possibly the thing  
did not attract the notice  
of the reporter.

Thanks over and over again  
for the notes on S. Nebraska.  
They have gone into the  
series even along with the  
specimens of this little miller  
to be used by G. You always  
give full measure - something  
more than I asked for and  
therefore <sup>your notes are</sup> all the more  
acceptable - for instance

in this case - Mr Taylor,  
account of how the species  
grows in some spots in  
Greenland - I think I must  
use that when I come to  
*S. herbacea*. in the "White  
Mountain Willows" series -

I have some gardening, and  
other out-of-door work to do and  
shall be obliged to let up on  
botany, for the present - I intend  
(and hope a good intention may  
not miscarry short of expectation)  
to do a little old fashioned  
collecting at the lakes this  
summer - Not much. But just  
enough for the pleasure of it -  
If I do I shall have something  
beside Willows to send you - Not  
much - and nothing that will be  
new - only interesting, possibly, on  
account of the locality -

Yours cordially  
W. S. Lath

Later - Wednesday P.M. - The  
Postman has just left your  
letter of the 6<sup>th</sup>. and I add a  
few lines - without of course having  
taken any time to consider - I  
will post your letter with all the  
rest of the memoranda to be  
considered in a final revision  
of my paper - But my present  
feeling is that I will make  
few changes. ~~of course~~ - Your  
suggestion may be a good one -  
and I may come round to see  
the matter just as you put it  
- and yet I must confess that  
right now - as I said before  
without taking time to consider  
it strikes me that having  
made the deceitful assertion that  
Oederse gave a new name to the  
old S. arctica Pall. transformed the  
authority of Pallas to a species of  
which he was entirely ignorant  
and left Robert Brown not  
entirely - I reach a climax.

after which I want only weaken  
my statements - by amplification -  
Hence I put the comparison of  
Pallas's *S. arctica* - and Anderson's  
*S. pallasi* in a foot note

We have no "family group" - (there  
was a laugh when I read that)  
but I mean hard gas are of  
these days my set of family  
pictures - just to give you  
an impression of the young  
Bobbie -

Yours ever  
B -

926 front Ave  
Rockford Ill  
May 13/89

Dear friend Anne

I am just home from a weeks visit in and about Chicago. where I have living a sister - two sons - a daughter and two nieces - all married. I had the "bustle" to get around on time - the letter from E. Mornay came while I was away - It has been read, duly appreciated, and lies now on my table undread and addressed to Prof Bailey.

Wife and I had intended to go up the Launderdale Lakes a week from to-day, to build a kitchen addition to our cottage. But there is so much to be done here at home we have postponed going until the next Monday - that is two weeks from to-day -

I came out from Chicago on a new line recently completed by the Illinois Central R.R. - It was a queer experience. To begin with the old rail roads - in a prairie country - present in the undisturbed sight of man, the best botanical preserves that the country affords - spoiled neither by cultivation nor pasturage - Furthermore at every 6 to 9 miles there is sure to be a little country town and trading station, P.O. &c - Now this track of the Ill. Central. is an air line projected by one of the most powerful R.R. corporations in the country. It runs over high prairie. The whole distance from Chicago to Rockford 100 miles is made without touching the outskirts even of a single village - it goes diving through farmers back door yards then look astonished to be so suddenly exposed to public view - and the way side is as uninteresting as a botanical point of view as

a stubble field or a late  
plowing.

I have nothing of  
potamocultural interest to communicate.  
Indeed I fear I shall have  
to beg your patience and  
forgiveness while I run through  
one of those seasons when  
botany (but not botanists)  
ceases to occupy my thoughts.  
Homer, Ward Beecher in describing  
his experience in addressing  
a British mob during the  
war times said it was like  
trying to drive a team of  
run away horses and making  
love to a woman at the same  
time. I am not up to any  
such feats "at all at all" - I  
might manage the team if I  
give my whole thoughts and  
physical energy to the task.  
- I'm pretty sure all things  
being favorable I could get  
through the other part of the  
business - but I should make

only a flat failure in both  
if I tried them together -

When I am working, about home  
and have a whole list of things  
to be done. I pitch right in and  
dig away to the end. Then I  
am ready for the next thing -  
I believe I managed more rooms  
in this year at once when I was  
younger - but have gotten out  
of the way of that sort of thing  
of late. And a portion of them  
which a reserve fund of  
energy than mean Doctor Henry  
would possess for a man of  
his years - not just forth in  
spirit. but bearing, a steady dog  
day after day - month after  
month - It is astounding -

Yours cordially  
W. L. Dyer



926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
June 12/19

My dear friend Deane:

Just back from the  
Lakes, where I put in my time  
faithfully like an old time  
Carpenter working by the job,  
who never heard of such a thing  
as 8 hours for a days work.  
Wife went along and acted as  
tender and general overseer -  
kepr the tables going - ordered  
me off work - and when it came  
8 o'clock darkened all the windows  
and said it was bed time, got  
up by the watch, let in the  
light when she thought best  
and in fact acted as a little  
local goddess of sunshine -  
in a reasonable measure quite  
independent of the wholesale  
flood of light. We are quite  
proud of our new kitchen - built  
separate from the cottage with  
covered way between - southern

fashion. It is rather small  
for the spread of the roof how-  
ever - and looks like a country  
boy in a broad brimmed straw  
hat.

I am sorry to say the  
Gazette sent me no extras of my  
last Millon paper. I was  
looking all along for the galley  
proof - and intended to write on  
that the number desired. When  
first thing I knew 'long came  
the thing, all in print. It  
was my own Gazette - and yet  
I feel sorry that it did not  
reach the Courier, that as I had  
had extras of all the other  
nos of this series I would want  
the same of this.

We go up to the Lakes  
"for good" June 29<sup>th</sup>. My address  
will be Bandersdale Lakes, near  
Elkhorn, Wis. I shall hope  
to hear from you as often as  
the spirit moves - and through  
you from the botanical world

generally. I will promise to  
write in return. But at the  
same time with some "twitching  
qualms of conscience" less  
performance may miscarry.

"Forsotitis and dyspepsia"  
What a miserable combination!  
Either alone were bad enough.

D Bortlow has sent <sup>(loaned)</sup> me some  
drawings, belonging to "Columbia  
Coll. made under D Barratt's  
direction to illustrate a work  
on American Willows. They  
settle some things very conclu-  
sively - about which men argue -  
I am settling, not to catch up  
three weeks arrears of correspondence  
- and begin on you with three  
pages - at this rate I shall not  
get through in time -

Cordially

W. S. Lath

Landersdale Lake near  
Elkhorn Wis (P.L.)

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1899  
July

My dear friend Deane

About a week ago

I had a severe attack of neuralgia  
lasting, from midnight till daybreak -  
More nerves than I ever imagined  
traversed the left side of my head were  
involved. I have been slowly recovering  
from it. The severe pain left almost as  
suddenly as it came on - and I have  
been wondering if physical debility was  
a cause or consequence - the two ~~or~~ that  
is the neuralgia - and a state of  
absolute ~~exhaustion~~ <sup>exhausted</sup> and good-for nothingness  
<sup>major or entirely</sup> the contemporaneous. I have sought  
a shady spot on the lake shore  
for the sake of peace and quietness  
(feeling unusually sensitive to all  
human and especially boy noises)  
but from back in the country comes  
the muffled rattling of a harvesting  
machine. The camp with its lazy  
atmosphere is not far away from  
the busy world after all!

I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter a few days ago from  
D. Watson. In due course he had just  
received my Billow MS. which you will  
remember I was rushed to get ready  
by Jan 1<sup>st</sup> because there was going  
to be trouble in the N. Y. Convention, if  
I did it. I am both pleased and  
surprised to hear D. W. over heartily  
approved. He writes me last winter that  
the only changes he might find necessary  
would be in the "direction of body" and  
now he writes me that he had none to  
make whatever which pleases me best  
of all. For I had cut down those descriptions  
and in every way so diligently sought  
freely of expression I wondered where some  
of the same sort of work was to come in  
and keep the same.

D. Watson has sent me the proof  
of my 3 White MS William Frazer. Coming  
the hand after so long an interval it  
was almost new to the writer even. I  
believe I have so presented the matter of  
the restoration of Salix Ma. vici as to put  
A. Cutleri to rest in mind of all time  
to come. Indeed if D. W. had not been  
the willing to follow his friend Anderson

"Almely" the name would never have gained any publicity in this country.

I hope you are enjoying your vacation and that change of air and freedom from business cares may have wrought great improvement in Mrs Deane's health. I never visited Brownadock. But I recall very distinctly a day spent on the summit of ~~Parishadock~~ <sup>Parishadock</sup> about twenty years ago <sup>and I remember this for exactness</sup> for a storm passed between the two mountains and the whole scene was to me <sup>with novel</sup> new and inspiring - I was a western-born and bred and had never looked down upon a storm before. Besides I had fallen desperately in love with a New England maiden who was contemplating the scene from beneath the same umbrella so that accurate! Oh I remember Brownadock <sup>as seen</sup> ~~in the distance~~ <sup>in the distance</sup> most vividly!

No - I am ashamed to say I haven't put in a single word for you or my self or anybody.

I can't tell how this time goes I  
am sure. For that in myself and  
the boys are building a good house  
and there is a goodly of eight worth  
most of the time one to three parts  
there is always a good deal to be  
done to keep things going, and will  
make the work burdensome to us  
you - Hamburg must go over to Mrs Wolffs  
for apples - or down to "the hermits" for  
berries - or to Mrs Wilkersons for butter  
or up to Mrs Dumbars for a pair of  
chickens - and it is daily. For Mrs  
Belt says that no matter how indignant  
her family may be (with regard to her  
visitors) they exhibit a wonderful  
and encouraging persistency in their  
efforts at the table.

Now this isn't much for a letter  
but I hope you will tell them well  
for the dead - and not forget me by  
them, is long in answering as I come  
home - an appeal in which I have  
not the whole family round me to  
share my work.

Yours most cordially  
Wm. L. Belt

P.S. I am doubtful about Board Allen.  
reply the Board on "Our Better Values"  
question - and noticed that Allen  
avoided himself of the very  
points wherein one finds I had  
laid himself open to attack by  
unqualified and extraordinary  
statements. But Allen in turn  
makes admissions manifestly  
that subvert entirely the force of  
his rejoinder and I shouldn't  
wonder if Board picked him up - only  
perhaps he has "other fish to  
fry."



926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Sept 5/89

My dear Mr Deane:-

I have a standing request, I believe, the supply of with the autographs of distinguished American botanists. I hope I am guilty of no breach of courtesy in sending one from a person still living. And with no reference to this autograph - not the slightest - is it not queer that a citizen - "a free and enlightened citizen of this great and glorious republic" - may become a "Professor of Botany and Forestry" - a "Master of Arts" - a "Master of Science" and a "Doctor of Philosophy" and yet not be able to write a single sentence of good English. nor the proposed what is evidently felt to be a delicate question in any other than the rudest and most indelicate terms? On the whole - for the credit of the fraternity

you may as well suppress this  
example - a request all the more  
freely put since my name  
appears at the top!

We returned from Landerdale  
just a week ago to-day and  
already begin to feel fairly settled  
things in place. The children started  
in school - and so on. It is not  
improbable, now, that wife and I  
may return to the cottage about the  
last of this month. partly for the  
quiet and rest (and that we need it only  
we like to get off once in a while just for a  
few days by ourselves). partly to enjoy  
the autumnal tints of the landscape -  
above all the transplanted native shrubs  
the places on the shore, where the former  
owner (an ignorant "granger") cut them  
all away "to clean up the lot and  
make it saleable".

Your last letter was welcome  
as your letters always are. Had the  
flesh not been so awfully lazy the  
prompting of the spirit might have  
brought back another letter to pass you

on the way -

Looking a little after 6 pages of the Manual has taught me a wholesome respect for the ability that looks after 600. I am not surprised to learn that Mr Watson is "entirely devoted" to the Manual.

I did not make a single specimen - not one. Once I had in my hands some splendid plants (botanically speaking) of Epilobium molle - fine foliage - fine fruit and flowers beautifully expanded - conscience reproved. But like the Englishman called by his servants at midnight to see the sun sweep the horizon in northern Norway - I thought I would wait till next year!

I am glad you mentioned Wallace's book to me. I will certainly send it. I enjoyed very much and read his Malay Archipelago and Island Life - I like the man anyway. He displayed such a noble spirit in yielding gracefully his independence discovery of Natural Selection to Darwin - a spirit matched by Darwin's

manliness and magnanimity in  
acknowledging the error -

I shall be glad - I need scarcely say  
as much - to read Mr Morris's letter -

I have never known Mr Bailey  
personally - but off and on through a  
period of ten years we have  
written to each other - when either  
could help - most frequently I myself  
being the solicitor of some donation  
solicited by Olney's Inst. - or the library  
of "Brown"

I look forward to next winter  
as promising, a season of quiet William  
work - all after my own sweet will -  
Notwithstanding, that "must be in by January 1<sup>st</sup>"  
I love to procrastinate and hate to be  
hurried

Did I tell you that after my  
guess that the Hookerian specimens of  
*A. Hookeriana* were really collected by  
Scudder on the "N. W. Coast" I have turned  
up <sup>positive and</sup> <sup>evidence</sup> ~~conclusive~~ that such in fact  
was the case!

Yours cordially  
W. L. Lubbock

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Apr 18<sup>th</sup> / 79

My dear Mr Deane

I thank you  
for the pleasure which the reading  
of Mr Morris's letters has afforded  
not only myself but family and  
friends as well. What a bright,  
energetic, hopeful spirit in  
what a sinewy little body!  
I fancy our friends is as well  
in body and mind as the  
much extolled Paraguay  
climate, regular habits and  
congenial occupations can make  
him. Much is due no doubt to the  
exhilaration which change of  
climate is so likely to induce -  
much to regular habits and  
an enthusiastic mental stimulus  
accompanying out of door exercise -  
More "constitutional" training I  
take no stock in. I was reading  
only the other day in St Nicholas

of the wonderful mental activity  
of little Helen Keller - but it  
occurred to me that her entire  
mind force was concentrated  
upon her studies - not unconsciously  
dissipated by the thousand and  
one impressions through all the  
senses of which other children  
happily receive as part and parcel  
of a full life. Even in Mr  
Worries letters you read between  
the lines his isolation from the  
busy life of the nineteenth century -  
he goes to market - he studies the  
native flora - he sleeps well night -  
No dissipation - no magazines - no  
billiards - no wife and  
children - no clubs - no friends to  
entertain - Now don't imagine  
for a moment that I am going  
on to prove that anybody - say  
MSB for instance - <sup>inspired by</sup> of concentrating  
all his faculties in one channel  
might do just the same thing -  
Our friends activity at his age  
is wonderful - so is Helen Keller

a wonder. The idea of our doing  
as is that in both instances  
the ~~the~~ achievements which seem  
so extraordinary are in part  
explicable by conditions which  
enforce concentration of mind.

After what you have  
written I am really, and  
truly ashamed of myself that  
I did not preserve those plants  
of Epilobium ovale - But depend  
upon it - if I go to Sandendale  
next summer, your herbarium  
shall no longer lack a full  
representation of this species -

I can not trust myself  
to allude to the shadow  
of sadness and anxiety which  
hung over you when your  
letter was written - I gather  
from what you write - and  
some things said by Mr. Murray  
that your father is exerting  
under the weight of years -

I know not what "three score  
and ten" may bring, of weariness  
but just starting down the shady  
side of life and passing the  
50<sup>th</sup> mile stone is enough to  
convince me that the loosening  
of our hold on the affairs of  
this life is gentle, inevitable -  
and not ungrateful - We waken  
and drop - a heavy drowsiness  
overtakes us - the circle that was  
once complete with our own intense  
self consciousness as a center has  
drifted over the river - little by  
little - till at last the center  
itself is moved up to the  
dividing line - the circle overlaps  
almost as much beyond as on  
the hither side - and then ~~it~~  
~~fades away~~ the center itself  
fades <sup>away</sup> from us - but we are still  
left within its boundary of  
love and affection -

Sincerely yours

M. L. Beebe



926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 89

My dear friend

Did I tell you? Wife and I went up to Sandusky for two weeks partly to enjoy the autumnal landscape. partly to do some work which could not well be accomplished while the whole family were occupying the cottage - The very day after I got there I went over to the sphagnum bog to see if Ep. molle might not get present good fruiting specimens - but it had gone by entirely. However for my own herb. and for material from which to draw a paper offering to a disappointed friend I did pick up other things that presented themselves as not without interest. The first of these was the autumnal foliage of *Betula pumila*. Your herbarium is different from mine if among all your specimens you have other than the leaves taken ~~along~~ with fruiting

aments - Now the shrub makes its annual growth - and stores up nutriment the resource for next seasons drain in flowering, and fruitage, later - and I was quite surprised to find the leaves so much larger at this season than they are represented by all the specimens I had seen -

Next an Aster which I take to be the form of A. paniculatus here mentioned by Dr Gray Syn of Flora V.C.I. p. 11 p. 188. as "A small and slender form in Northern Ophrymans bogs with linear leaves - resembling S. longifolius in habit and foliage" - This may be familiar enough to you. It is hard for me to realize that every botanist is not so unfamiliar with the plants of a "cold Ophrymans bog" as I am myself.

Is Patterson selling out his herbarium - or only selected duplicates? - What is the matter with the poor fellow anyway? He was all enthusiasm about botany - then came a season when his own name and

that of a lady associate appeared  
on his labels. then a brief notice  
of his marriage - and that was  
the last of botany - excepting,  
an delightful letter two or three years  
later about the disposition of  
then proposed the make of his  
collection. He is not in robust health  
- that I know. He may have found  
greater satisfaction in other divisions  
of activity. but I am sorry we  
lost him as a botanist.

Your allusion to Salix amygdaloides  
as a desideratum reminds me that  
good, characteristic leaves of this  
species are among my little  
collection made at Landerdale -

I have not gotten down to  
my regular winter's work - if work  
it may be called - hence the book  
jackets have not as yet been  
made the convenient catch all for  
questions to be fired at my  
friend M. D. but there is one thing  
I have long had in mind to  
inquire about and will mention

now. That is Salix acutifolia. So  
mention made of this species in  
the Flora Boreali-Americana - and if so  
will you please copy for me all  
that may be therein given - No hurry  
- anytime if we happen to think of  
it when the Flora is within your  
reach -

I am glad to learn that Mrs  
Deane finds herself so much the better  
for her summers outing - but you  
you, Matter Deane - troubled with "Dyspepsia!"  
Well you are a paradox anyway!  
A few run days gone by I knew that  
my friend Jessup had dyspepsia - I  
suspected it long before he told me that  
his "sands were nearly run out" and he  
had taken to botany as a diversion  
&c &c - (He's alive and well still so far as  
I know) but I never should have suspected  
you.

Yours cordially  
W. L. Lill

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> / 19

I do sympathize with you  
— my dear friend — and with  
your desolate mother. I can  
not but think of the great  
tie which has been broken,  
however gently, and of the  
consequences that must follow.  
For such a loss is one which  
oppresses not so much with a  
sense of immediate sorrow  
as with the feeling that the  
void which has been left is  
one that can never be filled.  
Counsels heretofore relied upon  
are lost: burdens heretofore  
resting upon his shoulders  
must now be borne by others.

From the very little gathered  
from your letters — a mere sug-  
gestion perhaps — here and there —  
I think of your father and

a student, as one who had  
achieved an honorable position  
in life, as the "the bright  
centre of the household". And  
at last in the fullness of  
years, he "quietly dropped off,  
to sleep". Envious career!  
Away with the philosophy, this  
would crush our hearts with  
the conviction that this is the  
end of such a life!

Sometimes - I would not  
ask it now - I wish you would  
tell me something of your  
parentage.

Of other matters in  
response to your letter of  
a week ago I will write later.

Mrs Webb and the children  
wrote to write with me in the  
expression of sympathy -

Sincerely yours  
Wm L Webb

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Nov 26/19

My dear Mr Deane:-

I grew to matured  
before the war. Character, aspirations,  
ideas concerning the conduct of life  
all received a decided coloring, if not  
a decided bias from the then existing  
social conditions. I have tried  
unsuccessfully to adjust myself to  
the change. No! That is not a precise  
statement of the fact. I have not  
tried! I have held on, rather, as  
nearly as possible to the old ideals  
and tried unsuccessfully to realize  
them. That's it! I have an old fashioned  
fire place built of brick - no veneer  
of mosaic tiles. A pair of antique  
wrought iron dogs to support the  
"firestick" of hickory and the "back  
log" of maple (hickory for its ruddy  
cheerful blaze, maple for the bed of  
glowing, embers into which it falls  
down late in the evening) A sturdy  
oak mantel that whatever merits

a democrat in every process has  
this much at least to be said  
in its favor that nobody would  
suspect its having been bought  
at a cabinet shop to be screwed  
to the chimney breast for ornament.  
The children aver that "father designed  
this fireplace and then built the  
house around it" and thus are not  
far from the truth.

Pardon this apparently gratuitous  
intrusion of my own personal  
affair but I wanted you to realize  
(and I did not know how better I  
could bring you to realize) that in  
the very nature of the case this  
contemplation of such a life as  
this of your father could not but  
excite in me this deepest feeling  
of admiration! Praise to Heaven  
that the class of business men to  
which he belonged was not so  
nearly extinct! I have read with  
much satisfaction the slips herewith  
returned but best of all is your  
letter, so brimming with vivid  
personalities as to make me feel



as if I had been admitted to the  
room of a delightful household.  
My boys have no grander  
living but they are quite of our  
mind in recognizing grandfather  
Patent as an ideal which they  
would be overjoyed to realize  
in the Beth family.

Now that I know you have a  
brother living in Chicago I shall  
hope to have the pleasure, sometime,  
of welcoming you and yours to  
Rockford. and while my wife and  
family would enjoy the visit socially  
almost equally with myself, I must  
have one advantage over them when  
I for you cornered in the herbium  
next to the cares of Willows. Whether  
you would find Willows something  
of a bore before I let you off is  
an open question.

It will be only a pleasure  
to revise Mr. Pardo's collection. I  
always enjoy looking over such  
illustrations of a local Willow flora.  
— a pleasure near akin to

botanizing, in the open north  
moscutoons - not feet and fatigue  
left out. You may send the  
package any time but unless Mr Brand  
particularly desires that it receive  
immediate attention I would rather  
not promise to report till after  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

I must not fail to thank  
you for the transcription from  
Robert H. B. - done.

Yours sincerely  
Wm. L. Beth

P.S. Commend me to the Bot. Gazette for  
courtesy to contributors! They not only  
have never charged me a cent for  
reprints. but when Coates found that  
none had been made of my No IV  
Willow trees of his own accord - (and  
not giving me a chance to counter-  
mand) he had the matter set up  
again and the prints made. and I  
can not get a word out of him as  
to what the work cost.

526 Grand Ave  
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Dec 10<sup>th</sup> /19

My dear Mr Deane - I ought to  
have acknowledged, without delay,  
the safe arrival of the package  
of Mr Deser Solens and am  
ashamed of myself for having  
neglected to do so. I have only  
made a hasty reconnoissance of  
the collection in hand and must  
defer a report in detail till I  
can give the specimens a  
more careful examination.  
As a whole the collection reminds  
me of one made by M Fowler  
years ago. in New Brunswick -  
As you may surmise I, like  
our friend Mr S Faxon, was  
interested and surprised to find  
P. balsamifera so fully represented.  
In the main the determinations  
are correct - save that one species  
(represented by leaves only) is  
confounded theraf in a number

of instance with I. or Water -  
Part of all this more anon -  
No. You have not sent me  
recently "a letter" from Mr. Manning  
the last I had from you was  
a whole envelope full - three long  
letters if I remember aright -  
about the time we came home  
from the Lakes. - Mr. Manning's last  
communication to the Gazette ~~but~~  
exhibits in some parts the freedom  
and dash of his private letters  
to yourself - otherwise his  
public utterances have been to  
me disappointing. - Not that I do  
not read them with interest - but  
only that I feel how far short  
they fall of the sparkling humor  
- the vivid description - even the frank  
communication - of his letters which  
you have so kindly shared  
with brother Astorists -  
This is another of my letters  
written against time - the second  
drawn out by the school children - I  
am always ashamed of them - but  
in the present instance less ashamed

if any part of it is correct then I should be glad to have it published -  
Happier authenticities -

926 Grand Ave  
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Dec 21<sup>st</sup> /99

My dear Mr Deane:-

Delays are apt to become chronic at this season and I therefore make an effort to return at once Mr Mowgo's letters which you were very kind to send me. Wife and I have enjoyed the little unconscious revelations of character quite as much as anything else in the letters.

I hope to hear from Mr Runt before reporting on the St Louis Willows. As far as to mine children as I grandfather to you more I don't think of such an absurdity as doing botanical work these days.

Your autographed letter from "Dear old D<sup>r</sup> Durlington" is most prize. By the way I have an old photograph of Durlington - I long told

one ~~hundred~~ years ago. When I  
remarked upon its absence from  
his collection that there was  
more - all the same I have  
one. If you would care to see  
it I will include it to you.  
- It is a very faint - poor  
specimen of photography as  
compared with the pictures of  
today. On the other hand it  
possesses the merit of not  
being "sandpapered" -

You can't tempt me to  
say another word about the  
evanescent line between *fragilis*  
*numa* - and *fragilis* & *alba*. until I  
have somewhat arrived at a  
definite judgement of my own  
as between the views of *Miner*  
*Bauer* & the German Botanists  
generally and *Hooker*, *Baker* and  
the English school. This ancient  
you had seen long -

Wishing you and yours a  
Happy Christmas I remain, as  
ever  
Cordially your friend  
Mrs. Zeth

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Dec 29/89

My dear Mr Deane: -

From early morn when  
the youngsters came tumbling  
down stairs before it was yet light  
to explore the depths of their stockings  
until late in the evening, when  
the last member of the family,  
put out the lights and went -  
(rather tired) to bed we  
had one of just the merriest  
happiest Christmases imaginable.  
Not a ripple of discontent to  
mar the enjoyment of the family  
festivity. The children were hilarious  
and the old folk serenely content.  
The demon of Misfit who stalks  
abroad at this season overcoming  
some good, kindly, well-intentioned

souls. happily brought not a single one of our friends under his baleful spell. On the contrary many a little gift was rendered thrice welcome because it at once recalled some wish expressed months ago and forgotten. some as loving remembrance on the part of others carried it on to the joyous season of good will to all. There was only one mail delivery, that early in the forenoon. so along about 5 P.M. the boys went down to the office to see if there was purchase any thing else there. I was the only lucky one. got your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> brim full of the Christmas spirit and (I rather imagine to the envy of the rest of the family)



had my season of curiosity and  
pleasant anticipation prolonged  
for "2 or 3 weeks" - something "quite  
botanical", that you know I will  
like" and so reflects you know!  
Well I am completely beat! Had  
you written from St Petersburg  
instead of England I could  
imagine half a dozen things you  
might by some sort of process -  
process <sup>have</sup> gotten for me that I  
never could get for myself but  
why you should send down across  
the Atlantic to England for  
a little token of remembrance  
I can not imagine - something  
not to be had in Boston of  
course - and thus shuts out so  
much that the margin left

your guess work seems a mere  
blunder -

I had intended to send you  
by this time a thin packag-  
-ette of Willows stiffened with  
a few fresh gatherings made at  
Lonsdale last autumn. but I  
have a general job that I want  
to do first. I have now  
decisively <sup>come</sup> to the conclusion that it  
will not pay (in a good sense of  
the word) to continue the distribution  
of the Herb. Salicium - I suppose I  
have at least 20 numbers already  
made up into sets - these sets I am  
intending to unmake - getting all  
the specimens of each set <sup>specimens</sup> together  
again - and then I will send ~~them~~  
to only such persons as will really  
care to have them. It would have  
been better if I had <sup>years ago</sup> thus imported  
much material that has lain in

my store room mired by anyone.  
fading with age. liable to injury &c  
Only one draw back to this. only one  
thought that gives me a thringe  
of conscience - Ten of the numbers  
(perhaps more) were sent to me  
with the understanding that the  
material was to be distributed  
in a continuation of the  
Reb. Sal. - some of them (Allen  
Labradon plants for instance)  
so long ago that I have now  
lost all track of my whilom  
correspondent and do not even  
know his P.O. address or as to  
explain - I imagine that he has  
given up botany - but anyway  
I'd sooner return the material  
than undertake to distribute it.  
Some of the first sets of the

for ~~personal~~ distribution were never  
even acknowledged - Some were  
acknowledged by a brief note of  
thanks on a postal card - and  
a very few were appreciated even  
beyond measure. I like best to  
make up a parcel for some  
definite person - To have my  
material all together and make  
a judicious selection -

If you and Mrs Deane could  
only visit this brother in Chicago  
next summer - then it could be  
only a few hours ~~to~~ ride to La Grange  
- and then if you could bear to  
have shaken up the traditional  
ideas of propriety which one of the  
rowdy West are apt to conceive as  
dominating the conduct of good  
Bostonians what a jolly good time  
we could have together!

The whole family are not around me  
- I take your care that they shall not be when I  
am writing letters - but I know I shall be taken  
the task - if they are not all included in  
wishing you and Jones a happy New Year -  
Cordially Bob

926 Grand Ave  
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June 3<sup>rd</sup> 90

Dear Mr Deane

I am dull and a  
spiritless this morning - The  
natural reaction no doubt  
from the much holiday  
experience. Will you deem it  
a compliment - or not - that I  
dare to write you a letter in  
such a mood?

The photograph of Dr Darling  
(is it copied from an old Daguer-  
reotype - I can not make out?)  
will gratify your curiosity for  
the passing moment. It is  
probably not as good a likeness  
of the old gentleman - Taken at  
his best - as you already have  
in the still engraving received  
from Mr Townsend - By the way

you doubtless know of the unique  
fresco painting in the Bank at  
Chertsey - unique and passing  
strange our generation ago and  
impossible now - over one door  
a picture of Darlingtonia - over  
the other of Louisaedia!

I wish I could have been  
with you and my friend P. H. Jones  
at the young Herbarium the same  
caught a bit of your enthusiasm.  
Here at the west the Laboratory  
Botanists have smothered out  
all growth and development of  
the old sort - I have made a  
few feeble kicks - but they are the  
idle kicks of an old foggy - We  
used to have and had so very many  
years ago at this - a group of  
enthusiastic field Botanists in  
Illinois - but they are all dead  
or "inactive" - and no younger ones  
take their place - We have a  
fine class right before us in this  
city - all the modern improvements

Laboratory and Gymnasium  
this night. I wish I could bounce  
both and send the students after  
for healthy exercise of both mind  
and body!

Did you know how path-  
etic my friends' minds were? We  
are quite excited in this little  
group over the question of saving  
our eyes from the "dangers" of  
the pictures on this morning. To see  
it on the other side.

There is no one there, this morn-  
ing. The stormy "Kermess" and this  
is a thorough treatment with the  
vapor of carbon disulfide. It will  
be a job for the owner if he  
"ever comes back". Some years ago  
I gave in the "Register" a translation  
of M. Bernoulli's account of this  
method which struck me as very  
good.

Well, thank Heaven my wife is  
not "old" - just the reverse - and you





926 Grand ave  
Rockford Ills  
Jan 7/13 ~~18~~ 1890

Dear Mr Deane:-

Your N. B. Willows  
were rec'd yesterday: in fact they  
went to church in my over coat  
pocket. One specimen - leaves only  
very white - woolly beneath is Salix  
canadica. The other two, forms of  
S. longifolia from a station farther  
"down east" than the plant has  
ever been found before! Will  
you please ask your correspondent  
to collect this for me next season,  
either sending the specimens direct  
by mail - or through your hands -  
The willows are about the only things  
now that I make an effort to  
keep up in my herbarium - taking

other things than scully but as  
they come - The Willows I like  
to have fully illustrated - as the  
form - distribution &c -

Here is a slip from the hip  
pocket. When you are next at  
the book, kindly ascertain  
for me the date of publication  
of Benthams Plantae Hedwigianae.  
(also is that the correct spelling?)

I must tell you something  
about Salix fragilis and so providly  
prove the wisdom of my recent  
testimony - There is a Dr. Buchanan  
White who is shortly to publish a paper  
in the Linnean Journal, whom Baker  
says is "the best Willows man of the  
present generation in Britain".  
B. gave me a sort of introduction and  
I have just had a good letter  
from the Secretariat - Now what do  
you think of this just for instance  
"I think I have got to the bottom

of the confusion about *Smiths*  
*Russelliana*. It has often been  
referred to fragilis x alba but is  
nothing of the kind - it is fragilis  
pure and simple - *Smiths fragilis*  
on the other hand is not the  
dominant species but fragilis x alba  
there!! "From this mistake of  
*Smiths* endless confusion has  
arisen" - I should say, as much.  
Again "The ordinary British form of  
fragilis is not the same as the  
Continental form" (that I know before)  
- And so things are all in a toss  
and before this manuscript is  
out I am ready with corrections  
and emendations for the  
next edition! And some time  
McCarthy (an Irishman man  
any way) "rose up on his  
hind legs" a few years ago

and graciously informed us that  
all the work that could be  
done ~~has~~ in systematic  
botany had been done,  
gathered up and shelved,  
by "Torrey-Gray" and Oh! my  
goodness - "Vasey!" The paper  
was published in the Trans of the  
Marine Biological Institution or some  
other trust - and the auctioneer  
and a copy all marked for  
acceded up <sup>with careful notes to</sup> settle me right down  
into the earth on account of  
something I had printed in  
the Gazette about the laboratory  
botanists -

Cordially  
O Berr

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Jan 9<sup>th</sup> /90

Dear Mr Deane: -

I was busy all the forenoon of yesterday copying portions of Barrett's letters to Mr Abraham Halacy (1833-) and making notes. The letters are the property of Columbia College and are loaned to me by Dr. Britton. Tired of writing, in the afternoon I changed off to a job that kept me in my leg until 4 o'clock. Then I saw the man. Happen just as I was through and had put away my work there came to hand the tribute to the memory of your father: (your letter had been received in the morning) and I threw myself into an easy chair and read every word of it - from your personal inscription on

the title page to the last of Mr  
Smith's article which I enjoyed  
more on the re-reading. In having  
manuscript, since you first sent it  
to me, however so much more of  
the character and bearing of your  
father - his position of your  
father, mounted and mounted - my  
own ability to bring forth it with  
the mind out of the way and show  
facts of early colonial history,  
showing more fully of my own  
own from a J. D. Smith's life and  
showing the character of your father

in the Pension Office - we having  
charge together of the same division.  
One of Mr Russell's sons was Colonel of  
the 3<sup>d</sup> Mass Colored Infantry - and the  
father always considered himself a  
Massachusetts man though he was  
appointed to the Pension Office from  
Ohio - having been, just before, one  
of the editorial corps of the Cincinnati  
Commercial. Coming down to financial  
affairs however - the contrast provokes

a smile for Mrs Russell had a  
family of daughters of which she  
was very proud and for whom  
she was incessantly ambitious.  
The consequence was that the family  
expenses were kept so close up to  
the family income that the least  
strain brought a break down -  
I think Mr R had failed twice in  
business before he found a safe  
harbour and a bit of peace  
as a government clerk - But I am  
thinking, with my pen, all this will  
have no interest for you

Of whom do you get your best  
paper and how much does it cost  
you? I have always bought in  
rather large lots - getting, thereby the  
trade discount - but the other day  
in getting things ready for the  
winter work I was surprised to  
find that stock of mounting paper

was run so low that I had no  
supply for immediate use -

If you have a supply on hand  
could you spare me a ream - or  
half ream - till I can find time  
to turn around and replenish  
my stock. Be perfectly frank and  
say no - if compliance is going  
to inconvenience you in the  
least - I only want to mount  
a lot of Willows - and am already  
half inclined to throw up this  
half sheet and let the specimens  
lie in packing papers a while  
longer

Did you meet Prof Dudley?

What manner of man is he?

I was looking over the book for a  
little list of your desiderata among  
Willows but did not find it - It may  
throw up - I recall *S. amygdaloides* - <sup>= *Prunus*</sup> *arctica*,  
*S. adenophylla* and some *myrtilloides* & -  
Did I send you my *Petrolia* x cordata hybrids -  
or *S. vestita* Pursh Coll Allen. Yours cordially  
M. B. Peck



926 front Ave

Rockford Ill

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 90

Dear Mr Deane:—

If you are quite sure that you can let me have a ream of your mounting paper without running short yourself. Before an opportunity to replenish your stock turns up I will be very glad to profit by your generosity;— Otherwise you had better let me tackle S. Watson.

The next time you join with a few friends in ~~ordering~~ <sup>giving quantities of</sup> ~~an~~ order, please let me in with you for I feel that from this our my requirements will be much less than they once were and I will have need to avail myself of the advantages such a combination gives. Like yourself I began

by being let in with 5 frays large  
orders. The paper was sent to me  
direct from the manufacturers but at  
the same rate charged B.G. Once  
when the paper was not satisfactory  
B. Gray made them take it all back.  
ground it over and finish according  
to specifications "I suppose. Having MSB  
having the "force of character" to get a  
thing like this done for himself!  
Then B. Gray went to Europe this winter  
ended and I was left to shift for myself.  
So long as I had 2-3000 sheets to mount  
during a winter I got on well enough  
but that sort of work. I mean that  
extent of general curatorial work is a  
thing of the past for me. I can't wish  
to it even if I wanted to. I have  
neither the time nor the physical ability.  
A few reams more and then will keep  
the willows going and that is about all  
I purpose doing.

Have read Murray's letters with much interest.  
They have the dash and sparkle, however, of his  
first accounts of life in America. Those first  
before seems to me the bit of his dullness. Lack of  
zeal as if his work were accomplished and like all  
accomplished work to tell us well as the rest of us  
looked less moving the story than it did our  
anticipations. I am glad I have some willows to  
send for that will be need to your work. Do not hesitate to  
write out your list of desiderata. I will surely join  
the order. It can not be altogether lost, only delayed.

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 90

Dear Mr. Lane:—

I am shut in, or shut  
I say rather held in by the grip: having  
just pulled through what kind friends  
upon consultation matters are pleased to call  
the meanest stage of the disease. I feel  
all sorts of and betwixt many ways  
—and here it is almost the end of January.  
Twenty times a day I think of the my the  
housekeeper who called up her mind of all  
work Monday morning, with me 'Lane'  
get right up. But you know there is much  
morning, the morning is raining and next  
day clearing, the chamber half the work  
and I sit in there and get!

I want to thank you however — no matter  
how dull and thick headed I may feel for  
the receipt of nice business paper. Of course  
it will differ a little — as different makes  
always to from any I have ever had  
before, and as most of it will be used  
to answer bills I shall have no end of  
reminders scattered all through this portion of  
my book. There is and most of the you  
who helped out when a printer came!

I should say from the cutting the ph. received  
on edges and corners that some specimens  
in the way of number 1000 - 1000000  
and plant of them were well taken.

It is the intention in your book to record  
as full an illustration as possible of the flora of  
a definite district - and if so the one of  
district. However, this the plant inside the  
book will be all some from some  
book which are occasional drops - and some  
left.

I have found in London, the last  
which I have found. I have found a lot of  
to the 1000000 and I think in the present  
condition of the world it was not  
applied in any of the 1000000.

33. I receive in London, the 1000000  
of which the "1000" (the 1000000) is  
I have found in London, the 1000000  
from a few years ago the 1000000  
of which the 1000000 is the 1000000  
the 1000000 of the 1000000. The 1000000  
received in the 1000000. The 1000000  
surprised and pleased to get a letter from  
London - and also the 1000000. I think  
this has been one of the 1000000  
making, your desiderata. As Potters and  
one the 1000000 for a new book. The 1000000  
were little in one of the 1000000.

As far as I can rely upon the present  
condition of my position I  
believe there is all I can do. I am  
your friend -

Arthur

1844

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Jan 29/97

"Pretend"! — Why! my dear fellow,  
I should be only too delighted if  
my poor la-grippe. so-fogged faculties  
would yield some adequate expression  
of the fact — let alone getting beyond  
that. How like you it all is!

Seeing a copy at Mrs. Foy's and  
thinking of the pleasure the picture  
would give your friends — for I by  
no means consider myself the only  
recipient. I am so glad to have  
it, and so glad of the friendship  
which prompted the giving. The  
picture came yesterday, 12 hours  
ahead of your letter so we had  
no to puzzle over last evening.

St. Francis face and "Manchester" suggested  
a group of attendants at the British  
Association meeting, but there were so

many faces abroad that I did know  
and so many present that I did not  
know I questioned if it could be a  
group of botanists. The central figure  
in the standing row especially drew  
my attention. Who could it be? I  
never so much as once thought of  
Dr. Heilmann - "Oh a wise old man is he  
is he" - it sticks out all over! Caruthers  
of whom I have never seen a picture  
before seems the level-headed fellow  
of great executive ability - I have imagined  
the girls say Vines is a dude - "See"  
exclaims Mattie - "he is the only one  
that wears button boots." But this is  
a good face. winning! One would  
like him for next door neighbor.  
Shall I say it the one face in the  
whole group which is disappointed is  
that of Kristelund Dyer. Can it be that?  
this man fills the chair occupied  
by two generations of Hookers!  
Saportas face - like the faces of  
most French men of science is  
noticeable for the absence of French

characteristics

I intend to have the picture appropriately framed as soon as I can get out to attend to the matter - with the name of the donor carved in the frame.

In conclusion let me beg of you if there appears anything wanting in this which should be an expression of my sense of your kindness to charitably charge it not to any lack of appreciation. but rather to sheer inability to say the thing which the heart prompts -

Yours sincerely  
Mrs. Lath

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Feb 2<sup>d</sup> /90

Dear Mr Deane

I had fortunately  
gone over Mr Purd's collection  
two weeks ago carefully examining  
and naming every specimen. There  
therefore remained but to get the  
things together and pack. Some  
notes that I had in mind I  
can perhaps give later. As you  
suggest I return Britton's Index  
and with them I have ventured  
to send you some extracts from  
Dr Barnard's letters which I wrote out  
in the first place (as the carders  
was insufficiently attested) for myself  
alone. It occurred to me that  
here and there a passage might  
be interesting to you - side lights.



as is men on the docks of botanists  
in New England N. D. 1835. No haste  
about returning, - Sometime within  
the year I am going to send you  
a little packet letter. for which  
you may be pleased to return  
some of your good things and it  
can come back to me then -

If any old bumper getting  
over a big drunk suffers from  
morose nausea - debility - dizziness and  
frontal head-ache than I know for  
several days past I should  
think a single experience  
sufficient to guarantee perfect  
reformation - Now, find out for  
me sub rosa - how far Rum is  
satisfied with my work in his  
pillars - and if there are points left  
which he had hoped to find cleared  
up which I have neglected - if you  
will just drop me a hint I may  
be able to make good this unintentional  
deficiency - I remember such collection  
very distinctly! Yours and truly  
G. B. B.



Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the  
10th inst. in relation to the  
above matter. I am sorry to  
hear that you are unable to  
attend to the same at present.  
I will endeavor to do so as  
soon as possible.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. [Name]  
[Address]

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1900

Dear friend Deane:-

I am still confined to my room, very weak and good for nothing. Cannot even read. But Dr Watson has sent me an advance copy of the new Manual and I can dip into that - here and there - look over a few pages and then lay back and think about it - thank fortune La pippe does not stator thinking. Bailey Carey is admirable, evincing a firm and consistent treatment throughout that is a great improvement over the "Conspicuous" of a few years ago. Someday when I feel more in the mood I would like to write a whole letter about Carey. The lightning, seems to be striking so close in this Epilobium much business and wants to ask you that even if you do acquire specimens

before I get a chance to collect for  
you at Sandusky to please ~~just~~ let me  
know! I've quite set my heart upon  
sending such a set of up in E. molle  
as will throw all the rest of your Epilobium  
sheets quite in the shade!!! Only is it  
furnishing thus after all I will never  
be able to send you E. molle at all.  
E. stratum Mohl will answer the same  
purpose! I long to get at my lists  
especially of the Salicifolii & and rearrange  
them according to the Synoptical flora.  
The barbarians work affording the best  
and most reliable means of fixing in  
my mind the changes in nomenclature.

Thanks for the account of the  
Willows in your barbarian which  
"explains your wants" in the most  
satisfactory manner. When on your [my]  
sheets there is a specimen of fr or fl & one  
of leaves does it mean that they came  
from the same plant? Yes! - The cases  
you speak of where ♂ & ♀ fls are given  
under the same number ~~and~~ <sup>were</sup> where  
no special importance attached to the

relaxing very poorly preserved specimens  
and fixing them over. A poor specimen  
of a common plant is mere trash and  
had best be thrown into the waste basket  
but among the "grab ups" of explorers &c  
I often receive specimens of very rare  
plants, looking as if they had been dried  
in the crown of a hat. I have tried  
drying these between folds of blotting  
paper, and saturating with alcohol, afterwards  
spreading out and drying under immense  
pressure - just an ordinary heavy pressure  
does not take out the creases and there  
are no soft tissues to be injured by  
over-pressure - You may know a better way.

I have just heard from Mr. Parn  
who seems pleased with my work  
on his Willows, glad he is satisfied  
for I felt kind-o. shaky about it myself  
- as if the result was scarcely commensurate  
with the expense and trouble of sending  
me the collections - I do wish I could  
feel like doing something

Yours cordially  
W. S. Webb

maturity of the leaves: If I remember this  
old business aright, only, once or twice  
in *S. sericea* - and *S. purpurea*. The leaves  
of *rotundata*, ♂ and ♀, belong respectively with  
the fls & fr accompanying - & also *S.*  
*glaucocephala* &c., *S. adenophylla* (and some  
others collected by other parties), were  
so given because the material I received  
was not then carefully taken in the  
first place -

The group of European Botanists  
occupies a prominent place in the  
mansion and attracts the attention  
of friends who happen in - I take  
great pleasure in telling them  
something about the most prominent  
personages - and also in quietly  
letting it be known how I came  
into possession of the picture - None  
of your common place affairs to be  
had by any body with money to  
spend in the shops!

Have you had any experience in

Rockford Ill.  
Feb. 24-1890.

Dear Son,

Stick to bed if you will -  
I have - seen me very anxious &  
dilemma - but I have  
much to do all that I can  
to get up in a few days.

As soon as you can

I shall



526 Grant Ave

Rockford Ill  
March 7/90

My dear friend Deane:

In response to Mrs  
Lyons wish that I should express to  
you "my opinion as to what she  
ought to do with the frag vase" I  
do not hesitate to reply, leave it to the  
Harvard College. Dr. Gray has himself  
led the way, in bequeathing to  
Harvard his books and library -  
everything representing or associated with  
his life-work, and it seems to me  
eminently fitting that the vase should  
accompany these generous bequests.  
My own idea would be - since I am  
invited to say freely just what I  
think - to have the vase inclosed  
in a plate glass case - perfectly safe

and invaluable and then let it  
stand in some appropriate place  
either in the Herbarium or the  
Library. Whatever value the man  
may possess purely as a work of  
art - upon which considerations alone  
must rest the claims of the Acad.  
Museum - seems to me altogether  
subordinate to its higher value as  
a token of love and esteem from  
the botanists of America.

A word to yourself (not to be repeated)  
Had I any very really, left direct  
descendants - the "herbaceous" chimon. would  
have so overweighed every other as to  
leave no room for gives them. - For  
this is really a personal affair - The  
man was a gift to I fear as a man  
from friends who in their hearts were  
glad of the opportunity to send some  
expression of their regard - but -  
Circumstances alter cases -

I came down stairs for the fair  
Thursday P.M. How bright and cheerful  
the sunny living room did look to  
me! I made for my old place on the  
lounge, glad enough to be so far back  
again - D Kerr - pastor of the liberal  
church of this place and a very genial  
gentleman called. Then Mrs Van Arsdale one  
our bright friends who has a happy  
way - all her own - of not trammeling her  
expressions to suit what she might fancy  
the tastes and predilections of her interlocutor.  
Then I went out to the south door -  
Oh I saw one a fellow meet a man on  
the road and was sure to receive the most  
warm appreciation his blessings! To be so early  
like a good boy. I am comfortable, now  
if I do nothing - but very well.

I am so glad you and Mrs. Linn  
were pleased with the serene face  
of our home-keepers: glad that his words

"motherly" occurred so spontaneously,  
to Mrs Deane. Someday when I can,  
I shall myself go to talk about her  
without running into something, spooney  
I will tell you what she has been  
to me. We are all expecting Mrs D's  
picture now! By the By the Bells and the  
Deans will be pretty well acquainted  
in an ideal sort of way.

Thanks for the list of names of the  
Group - But don't you think it would  
detract from the general effect to display  
this list under the picture? Of course  
I have been unable to do anything  
as yet about getting a frame.

Since March came in we have had  
one only real winter weather - Thermometer  
yesterday at sunrise -  $7^{\circ}$  Far. This morning  
-  $14^{\circ}$ ! Snow a foot deep or more on  
the level. Our icemen have been filling  
their horses from the Madison Lakes -  
and now it looks as if they might after  
all have depended upon the home crop.

I enjoyed the slip. What a pity that  
"the well known Naturalist Gerry Dunstan"  
should have failed to bring a  
living specimen of his blood sucker  
home! I am reminded of a  
little incident which occurred at the  
Dunbrague Meeting, of the 1840's - years  
ago. A small group of Botanists were  
convening with D. Gray when an  
old Californian came up and solicited an  
introduction to the great Botanist. He  
then went on to tell that out on the  
Sierra Nevada there was an "amazing  
curious" plant. It grew right up out of  
the snow - it rooted in the snow, and  
yet was bright red - if it was all made  
of snow how did it get that red color -  
that was the "amazing curious" thing about  
it! Now I suppose there was not a  
person in the group that did not know  
just as well as D. G. what it was  
the old fellow had in mind. Now

but Ah what one of us would have  
had the adroitness to reply as he  
did - He listened attentively until the  
old fellow was quite through - Then  
he said "if the circumstances were  
really as reported" the plant was  
indeed a most remarkable one  
- but now my friend I'll tell you  
what I wish you would do - Next  
spring when you find one of these  
plants dig down in the snow very  
carefully with your hands until you  
come to the roots - be very careful  
to preserve these unbroken - just as  
you take them out of the snow - and  
send me the plant!" The Californian  
departed satisfied and probably the  
next spring learned a lesson in  
botany!

I read the article in Callum  
in garden & I trust with much interest.

Yours ever  
Wm L Webb

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
March 5/90

Dear Mr Deane:—

I thank you, and  
Mrs Deane. for your kind expressions  
of sympathy and solicitude concerning  
my recent sickness. I may have  
written you how it all came  
about. There was a succession of  
warm, spring-like days and I  
thought I could go out in the open  
air every day - take a walk - and be  
the better for it. At last there came  
a day, clear and sunny, but with a  
sharp wind from the N. W. which I did  
not realize the keenness of until I  
~~several~~ turned about to face it homeward  
bound. When I got back to the house  
I was pretty thoroughly chilled through.  
Then came a slight suggestion of the

less living with more or less  
general feeble disturbance - loss of  
appetite - Prostrations &c - Happily all  
passed off at the end of three days -  
and I had only the merrid - slowly -  
and resolve over and over again  
to stay in-doors until warm weather  
comes. I am very comfortable as  
long as I do nothing and writing a  
letter like this comes as near to  
doing nothing as well can be -

Anna read to me yesterday  
Sargeants <sup>Stamps for Young People</sup> ~~leader~~ in the last No of  
Garden & House Capital every way -  
and also the other articles in the  
same No of unusual botanical  
interest

Are we not the same in the  
Gazette or elsewhere some account of  
your last summers botanizing on Mt  
Monundock? I hope so - The Doctor and  
my wife say (and their say is law on the Mercers  
meeting) that next summer I must seek light and  
agreeable exercise in the open air and I am already fore-  
casting a return - as a "veteran reserve" - to the ranks of the  
plant collectors - Only think of it - A summer of old  
fashioned field botany - after fifteen years retirement  
Yours cordially  
J. M. Roth



926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 98

Dear friend Deane:-

I imagine that  
you have had less time at  
your free disposal this winter  
than usual and I have therefore  
rather refrained from firing at  
you all sorts of questions the  
answering of which might be apt  
to overburden the little you did  
have — but I want you to tell  
me how the message fish goes!  
Barnes <sup>says</sup> ~~tells me~~ that you are  
"fussy particular about your  
barbarians" — that "everything must  
lie just so" — then you are very  
mean! I'm fussy-particular  
myself. Of course my general

herbarium, largely formed years  
ago - is mounted with old fashioned  
glass - in the use of which I became  
(if I do say so myself as should not)  
quite an expert. I fancy that  
I follow too much the old ways  
in the use of the new material.  
Of course I realize that only experience  
- or direct observation can help much  
toward the acquisition of what I  
am after still some hints from  
one that knows how can not help  
but be useful - Give me some idea  
of the consistency? At what temperature  
do you use it? I like to have my  
specimens firmly attached and still  
the herb sheet not distorted by the  
drying of the glue.

The specimens which I wished to  
mount this winter (and for which I  
bought the ream of paper from you) are  
not yet even poisoned. Things move  
slowly, for a fact - and I must just

keep begging away - doing a little each day and it will come up for something sometime - though not for much.

I sympathize with any one who goes through a hard sleep in the dentists chair - and only wonder that the incident's exhaustion of nerve force does not send every last sufferer home the shiver under a pile of blankets.

I never could get my wife to sit for her picture - I tried and tried and tried - Last spring she yielded with the express stipulation that the picture was to be just for me - one - and after that she to have absolute control of the rest. The first sitting (two negatives) proved unsatisfactory and my heart sank within me. For a fact I never was much more surprised in my life than I was when she willingly consented to try

again - We went into the gallery  
and I plumped her down into the  
chair and we got that picture  
in a kind of surprise way  
between the operator and myself -  
before the subject had time to  
think - So much for your encoun-  
agement - We shall expect a picture  
of Mrs Deane almost anytime till  
it comes -

Take pity on one of the  
shuts in and write me the botanical  
news - What has become of the  
Bulletin and Gazette - Here is the  
middle of March and the February nos  
of both still back -

Yours as ever  
W. S. Webb

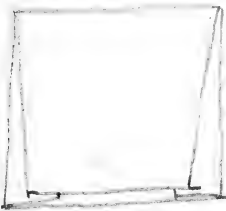
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My dear Mr Deane:-

I have read your letter, received only, a few hours ago - over twice - and feel impelled notwithstanding after dinner stupidity to write and thank you for it. Where your methods exactly coincide with my own I could not approve - as much as to say yes I know that is the best way - where they were different I could find the suggestion of improvement. Yes! I did just that thing! It seemed to me that to secure the required degree of fluidity and at the same time the necessary adhesiveness I must use the glue warm if not almost hot. There is where I was out. I did not dare to thin up with cold water to the required degree of fluidity - which is something, that

we all learn to recognize by  
experience - I think I should not  
altogether like your glue pot - or  
rather your arrangement for holding  
the brush - Your brush must dip too  
far into the glue - necessitating much  
wiping off - and the sides of the pot  
must, with use, get sticky and coated  
with a gradual accretion of glue - I  
use two fine copper wires (the finer the  
better as they are strong enough) stretched  
tight across the top of the glue pot -  
one about an inch above the other -  
Into the handle of my brush I press an  
ordinary 6oz carpet tack and by this I  
suspend my brush from the top wire -  
the wire below holds the brush perpendi-  
cular - and by adjusting the tack I can  
let the tip of my brush dip into the  
glue any desired depth - Superfluous  
glue is wiped off on the fine wire  
where it does not adhere - but drops back  
into the pot - Your paper pockets are  
exactly like my own - as like as

two peas. They used to wear at Harvard  
pockets with the side flaps cut longer  
and to a point - not nearly as good.  
In the Rev. herb. they make them  
nearly square. The side flaps not more  
than half an inch wide. The top  
flap cut a little tapering and folded  
down over the side flaps. Its lower  
edge reaching the bottom of the pocket.



something, like this. - They do  
not strike my fancy some  
how. - I have read, with  
I can not tell you how

much interest, your account of  
a "model" herb. My preconceived notions  
as to how I would fix up that Epilob.  
was all right! For twenty years I took  
the greatest pride in the beautiful  
appearance of my herb. Then came a  
winter and wet spring when it was  
left in a house for months without  
a fire. The specimens all got damp  
and many of them faded. - It was

a sore trial to me but after a  
time I mustered courage to discard  
about 500 sheets after which the  
remainder did not look so bad after  
all. Even at the best. after twenty or  
thirty years sheets left undisturbed  
will get stained. For instance my  
Myosurus. Some Ranunculi and Alas  
some Salices!

I learned long ago <sup>about</sup> the use of  
absorbent paper in gluing. They have  
in England a whitish, fibrous paper  
that I imagine is used for driers. I  
got a lot of plants packed in such sheets  
and accidentally used a few to paste on.  
After that I had no patience with using  
but absorbent paper - for the reasons  
I've state. I use the same method as  
yourself in mounting flimsy plants. By  
the way did you see a ridiculous plan  
detailed in the Gazette - to spread a film of  
thin glue over a ~~sheet~~ pane of glass  
then apply your specimen - then lift it.  
Would not I like to see the fellow do that!

Imagine the lifting of Adonis after  
it had absorbed a coating of glue!

Your saying that you use both



J. Poole is very suggestive - I'm  
so curious where they all go to? Sometimes  
when I have leisure I cut out so many  
that I fancy I am stocked up for  
five years to come and find all  
used up in a few months -

I wish Prince himself would  
"finish" *Plantas Mexicanas* and return  
to his original project of a flora  
of the White Mts. He for the coming  
of the local flora! Our mammals  
have been made to include so  
much additional <sup>in previous sets</sup> ~~translating~~ material  
exceeding the ~~same~~ number of pages  
that they are become little else than  
cumbersome analytical keys to the names  
of species - We want more than that -  
and it can only come in the local  
flora -

I am all impatience to have  
you tell me about your visit from  
C. G. Lloyd. He once wrote to me: - While I  
was living at Mount Dale - the inquiry

of *Epilobium palustre* grows in that  
vicinity - I replied that it did - and he  
immediately sent me a business order  
for a "box of the plants", which I was  
obliged to decline - first on the score  
of its exceeding my supply of duplicates  
2<sup>d</sup> - because it would exhaust the  
locality - and still leave my part of  
the contract unfulfilled - my discharge.

Tell me how you poison plants?  
- How do you attach tickets? What  
kind of gummed paper do you  
use? &c &c. - In fact write me if  
you delight in, chatty letters about  
herbarium matters - As I can not  
come - to see with my own eyes -  
tell me all the little things you do -  
and how and why.

I poisoned a lot of Willows this  
forenoon and will arrange them on  
~~herb~~ paper - Ex herb Deane - tomorrow -

Write soon -

Cordially

W. L. Webb

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
April 8<sup>th</sup> /90

Dear Mr Deane:-

I enclose I please

you a draft on R. Y. for \$12.25:-

but you do not tell me (as I wanted  
you to do) how much it cost you  
to put the box on board cars -

Thanks for your kindness, all the  
way through. I am expecting - any  
day - the receipt notice that the box  
has reached Rockford - \$3.06. In sum,  
is as you say <sup>lower</sup> lower than I have  
known good book paper to be sold  
you any time "since the war" - The  
foundation of my book was laid in  
1858 with paper that cost I fancy \$3.00  
but the price went up clear out of my  
reach a few years later - and I  
accumulated specimens for ten years or

Have you the seeds of Astragalus caryocarpus and A. leucocarpus? I saw  
2-3 of each - the other 2-3 which you are  
welcome if they will  
help and your share  
for them then

man - without mounting - simply because  
the cost was so great -

I have been "cleaning house" (when  
one came up from Fountaindale and  
at odd intervals since). Boxes of stuff  
have been accumulated, that stood  
sadly in need of overhauling - old vouchers  
of no special value - old pamphlets - letters -  
bottles - boxes <sup>containing</sup> all sorts of things from pills <sup>to</sup> plants  
scraps of all sorts - It was a  
relief to find that without a moment's  
hesitation I could send 99 per cent of the  
stuff to the laundry stove to be burned -

I ~~had~~ came across the mangled paper (which  
I thought went into the waste basket long  
ago) - I take real delight in  
sending it on the gen. - I had a mind  
at first to "answer the fool according to  
his folly," he lays himself open to ridicule  
and displays such despicable ignorance  
- but a moment's reflection convinces  
me that a gentleman with any ambition  
to keep his hands clean might better  
occupy his time - gluing down plants  
for instance -

I am sorry to read the brief  
mention of a "2 vols vol'd" as Rand

my mind a certain case - and I said  
the very self now I will draw out the  
bottom cover of the middle pigeon  
hole - right hand side - and no matter  
what I get. upon the contents of that  
cover I will bestow a half-hour's  
study - The end was that when Mrs  
Brown was ready she had the mail until  
I put up my things. \*

My glue works first rate. Have  
want the art. gun a few questions  
- Will the thinned glue keep without  
addition of Carbolic acid - and how much  
must I use if necessary? They sent me  
a quart can instead of a gallon. It  
is it for me to try to keep it - say  
two or three years? - I surmise from  
what you wrote about pouring out from  
the can glue thin enough for immediate  
use - that you must have poured back  
into the can the diluted glue of the  
last preceding job - The glue of "Gum" which  
I received is very thick and I think will keep  
better the less it is disturbed -  
\* I fear from your long silence that you

does <sup>not</sup> diminish the matter quite so  
cutly - expressing solicitude least  
you confined yourself too much  
indows &c. Alas! I realize the temptation  
Perhaps it will be all the better for  
both of us when we are tempted  
once again into the open, breezy  
fields.

By way of recreation I have  
been exploring portions of my personal  
herb. haven't thought Salix for  
two weeks - I am both pleased  
and surprised - it is so much  
better than I thought. One evening  
I had nothing to do (I dare not write  
letters in the morning under penalty of  
lying, awake afterwards) and Mrs  
B. said that she had just a half  
house work which she wished to  
finish before retiring - I fixed in

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April 11<sup>th</sup> 1890

My dear Deane-

If I were to stop  
a moment to consider: - or if it  
were any other correspondent than  
yourself with whom I feel easy  
in all sorts of moods. This  
writing would stop instantly - For  
I feel as if I might do better  
"some other day" - I excuse you for  
not writing letters when you have  
a lot of tempting botanical work to  
do - As the Dutch justice of the Peace said  
to a delinquent charged with being  
drunk on beer - "I get drunk on  
beer myself" - Did Mr. Canterbury actually  
send you some plants? Not of his  
own collecting surely! The fool scarcely  
knows enough, I fancy, to make

a specimen and if he ever did  
it must have been in some passing  
mood of mental aberration when the  
Devil tempted him away from  
his high service to humanity.

With yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> just comes to  
hand notice from Carter Rice D.D. of  
the shipment of the paper April 8<sup>th</sup>  
issues - The freight receipt reads "One  
Bale" which gives me a little feeling  
of uneasiness - However it may, come  
through without the corners being  
bruised. I do rejoice with you! and  
hope that the "three days" are but pre-  
cursors of many more to come!  
No - You never told me how Mrs D.  
broke down - Indeed it was incidentally  
that is through Morrgo's letters - if I  
remember aright - That I first got  
the impression that your wife was -  
if not an invalid - at least one of  
that large class (self included) who  
can neither call themselves well nor ill.



Now I must turn to your long letter  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> which we all enjoyed.  
My daughters do not hesitate to express  
their pinion that you rather enjoyed  
that lecture after all - and did not feel  
as much trepidation as you "let on" -  
It was a good thing for you to do -  
and though doubtless you had some  
unappreciative hearers there must have  
been many more to whom such a  
talk would be not only pleasant  
at the time - but a lasting stimulus  
to incite to further study and personal  
investigation - If we could all - in  
these quiet, neighborly ways do like-  
wise it would be a good thing all  
round - only you don't find "Plant  
Clubs" of 40 members scattered all  
over the country - Rockford is  
spontaneously musical - affectedly  
literary but doesn't even pretend

to be scientific

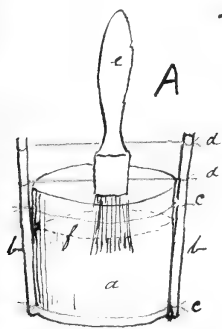
In mounting plants in the old way - before the introduction of fish glue - I learned to be neat and ~~at~~ at the same time expeditious - Expeditions for two reasons - 1<sup>st</sup> when I had (as I did at that time) so many plants to mount I was anxious to get through and not have the work surpass too much of my time. 2<sup>nd</sup> One condition of perfect success was rapidity of execution - so that the plant was in place and under pressure before the glue had time to coagulate - Some of the old ways will clay, to me always - because I use them it does not follow that I should advise anyone else to adopt them - I studied every little point where intelligent experience could suggest time-saving. The wires over the glue pot was one of these - It would be more within the zone to learn a new way than the advantage gained would repay - nevertheless taking your modus operandi as given I do not hesitate to affirm that I would

of dropping against the wire and letting  
the tack catch is so simple - The wires  
do not keep so absolutely clean with the  
cold glue, <sup>as with the hot</sup> a drop or two will hang on  
now and then - but is soon jarred off.

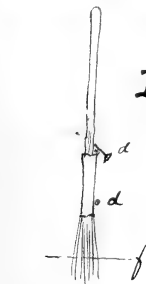
Another contrivance which I used in the  
red days and still find handy - though the  
necessity for its use no longer exists, is a  
platform the height of my work table - over  
which rises and sinks automatically a press  
board with a weight. operated by a treadle -  
- As soon as I have a few specimens ready  
- 1 to 3 usually - I raise the press with my  
foot - take both hands to slip the driers and  
intercalated specimens under - drop the press  
and repeat - till I have a pile about 9 in  
high - which is then removed and another  
begun - If I make hard and rapid work  
of gluing I make easy - deliberate and  
careful work of putting down tickets - fastening  
stems etc. - and making the acquaintance of  
fresh acquisitions soon to be consigned to  
the general heap - and may be for others -

I include samples of my work in putting  
on tickets - I never liked any fastening  
that I ever saw - or ever could do myself -  
- The corners would "dog ear" and look badly -  
Open any compartment of my herb. and

have my specimen - if a small one -  
 all glued before you would be ready  
 to begin - assuming that we worked  
 with equal expedition and that the  
 difference was wholly in the method -  
 I will give a little sketch and diagram  
 as you request. A shows the glue pot as  
 it stands facing me on this table



A a pot. b, b, small wooden posts held  
 in place by the copper wires c, c.  
 d, d. the wires strung over the  
 pot. e brush. f surface of glue.



B.

In the diagram B. d, d. are  
 dots representing the position of the  
 two wires and <sup>show</sup> how they hold  
 the brush perpendicular by means  
 of the tack. Now in the very  
 act of lifting my brush I wipe  
 it against the two wires, then

as it rises above the top one I wipe  
 the other side without turning the brush  
 over - and I am ready for business -  
 When I am through - for the moment I  
 can almost toss it back, the motion

you will find the sheet lying as flat  
as if there were no labels attached whatever.  
Attempts there must be over 50,000 labels  
but in in this way in my collection -  
and although I have seen no occasion  
in the last thirty years to change. I  
doubt if others would on the whole like  
it as well as pasting.

In my humble opinion - you - along  
with the great majority - overdo the  
poisoning business - You get over cautious  
and poison when there is no need of it.  
I have had a growing herb for  
thirty years - now filling 280 pigeon holes -  
and with just one single exception (of  
which more anon) I have never had a  
single insect depredator invade my  
treasured stores - not one - and I have  
had lots of importations <sup>in bundles from abroad</sup>. As an illustration  
I fairly soak amounts of Salices - but rigid  
leaves of willows will no more be attacked  
than so much paper - I poison matted  
flowers or tender leaves - Euphorbia - Andropogon  
aceae - &c. - but there are lots and lots of rigid  
things and portions of specimens which I do  
not touch at all - I would pour poison  
into the head of a thistle but cannot do

a waste of time to poison the leaves -  
I never saw the specimen yet that I could  
come to use - looks of many. I saw hairs  
and a grass - I don't like the Harvard  
way at all - I have seen it performed -  
It looked like destruction - and it was to  
a certain extent - of beauty. Oh I cannot  
mean forgetting this exception. The plants  
somewhat of a note may soon of Epilobium.  
... Here some specimens, these flowers and pods  
I have thoroughly poisoned, yet the little insects  
... and did such damage  
before they made themselves sick eating  
Cinnabar substitute - that I had to replace  
all the specimens - Notwithstanding the  
fact that the specimens in this cover  
were so destroyed - nothing else in the  
same pigeon hole was disturbed - and  
the adaptations came with this single  
misadventure.

Will Mrs Deane feel relieved  
by these 8 pages or will she set me  
down for a pain of incoherent  
scribbles? I will send the Arctostaphylos  
pods as soon as I can find a little box  
to put them in - Here is your last letter  
of an interesting interview with two botanists!  
Mr Payson and Mrs Rand. I do not see a real  
live botanist once-a-year. Cordially Both

Excuse this  
awkward  
paying

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Dear Mr Deane

Such a delightful

time as we had over your account  
of a visit from Mr Lloyd.

It was a week ago - a fact which I virtuously record against myself with conscious shame. Will had started ahead of the rest of us to get the mail - and handed me your letter at the church door. I confess my thoughts would keep wandering, all through the service, in vague wonderments as to what the big envelope might contain - A brisk walk home - for when it is pleasant now-a-days I eschew all street-car conveniences as an invention of Satan. Down I plunk myself into an easy chair and begin reading

Presently I must have laughed - and  
not in the Tony Heller fashion  
"innocently," either - for there came a  
chorus of voices - "What is it?" "Read it  
aloud!" And so I went back and  
began over again - ~~Now~~ I think  
the fun was contagious - we all  
took in the ridiculous absurdity  
of the situation - and as Mr L's  
impeccability grew more and more  
intense & as if the story had been  
invented by an adroit story-teller  
rather than <sup>being</sup> a recital of facts, I  
laughed until my side ached -

And ~~now~~ what odd conceits do you  
imagine took possession of the  
children in "How father - you have  
been corresponding with Mr Deane  
for a number of years - you think  
he is energetic and impulsive -  
you have his photograph to judge by.  
Suppose he should come West to  
Chicago - and then on the Rockford  
just the visit you and should then



and such a stick as Mr Lloyd?" I  
did not consider this supposable!  
but they rather like the teasing me  
about writing to Mr Deane so  
often. As you close your graphic  
account of Mr Lloyd with the  
disparate explanation that you "never  
could make me see the man as  
you saw him" - so I in turn can  
assure you that no words of mine  
can tell you how vivid your  
portrayal of Mr Lloyd seemed to  
us - if not a Mr Lloyd in esse - a  
most amusing, and dramatic  
character all the same - Poor Mrs  
Deane!!

The herb. paper is at hand  
in good condition and what do you  
guess the freight amounted to - just  
61 cts. People who are content to go  
through this world slowly - can go

place) in the North American in 3 Sept 1868. I was  
being studied from my list of specimens that  
one from each of a specimen - the work of a  
beginner - remains. The sole representation of the  
species while other things more accurately by the  
proceeds - To make a list of each specimen - and  
then in provide the supply them. in part of the  
proceeds for the present revision. Thompson when I  
have across a sheet marked 78 R.C. - I receive  
the necessity of writing out of 1868 The copy of  
of others "Bony Branch, Rock Creek, Dist of Columbia  
1868" and there are more of these brief mentions  
than in part even to have been kept as long.  
In making the new changes as far as through the  
by proceeds I can end more the proceeds expedition  
that must be in will be appreciated as 'two' work  
Thompson & other had heard the conversation that it must  
have been a better work of the last 100 years. I have  
received has been given to the proceeds - In 1868 carried out

cheaply. - The single ream <sup>4</sup> you sent me  
cost by express within a few cents of  
a dollar. - I felt uneasy when I received  
the way-bill which read "One bundle"  
for I have no confidence in the  
careful handling of any thing by  
R. R. employees. - But it turned out  
that the bundle - though held securely  
by ropes was protected at the corners  
by a framework of wood. The paper  
is very satisfactory but rather light  
in weight. - On the other hand the  
paper made by Morrison (Washington DC)  
30 lbs to the ream is too heavy - <sup>The stock just received</sup> It is in  
fact very like the ream you sent  
me - from the same manufactory.  
By-the-way which is the top side - if  
there is any difference. - I read the  
water mark Lissen Ledger - and infer  
that this should indicate the side of  
smoothest finish. - but for an actual  
fact. turning these letters upside down  
seems to give the better side.

If Mrs Deane only knew about crying

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necessity had driven me at last to house cleaning - the little boost I unconsciously got in her good opinion would all sink down again -

For a week - at such intervals as I could command. I have been ~~revising~~ revising my general herbairium. No one could have made me believe how very interesting the work would become to me in so short a time - ~~afterwards~~ I was born to be a learner and not a teacher. I write what I do about Salices because the facts seem to call for publication and there is only myself to give them as the case now stands - but after all I really enjoy the work and works and friendly co-operation of the amateur - somewhat to my surprise - and yet after all it is nothing to be surprised at. I find it is often the common plants that need reinforcing in my collection. In many instances there were gathered thirty years ago - perhaps only a single, inadequate, specimen

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My dear friend Deane -  
Had my botanical  
correspondence fallen off and  
suddenly two months ago as it has  
in the last two weeks I should  
have felt very bad over the  
withdrawal of so much that entered  
into into the daily life and thought.  
But now I know that friends are  
all busy otherwise than sitting  
at a desk writing - as indeed I am  
myself - and I accept the chance  
as something, "belonging to the  
season" - in the course of nature - as  
the story would philosophically put  
it - and don't worry - Only I hope  
that lots of interesting experiences  
are being stored up of which I  
shall be informed in due season.  
Macom has already gone over for

the summer. This season seems more to  
be among the eastern Rocky Mts  
just north of our line - about  
Kootenai Lake - the Selkicks, foot  
Range &c - May be find more of  
Salix Baccatiana!

Work in the revision of my  
herbarium goes along bravely -  
with constantly increasing zest. I  
am now just through Rosaceae -  
by I find much to do - I find very  
very much more already done of which  
a realising sense had almost departed  
from me - Some portions oh so rich -  
that of the specimens - lots of them - are  
thirty years old and faded - That only  
gives the collection the respectability  
of age - and the associations are so  
delightful. Then again such deplorable  
poverty as I struck now and then unexpect-  
edly - My Roses - variously named  
R. blanda, lucida - and Californica -  
are not worth the paper they are mounted  
upon - poor scraps of things - mostly  
without finish and only by accident, as  
it were, showing the old wood with  
thorns and prickles - I must get all

over again and then as you  
remarked if some of your Willows  
when I have better taste out the  
poor stuff. It grew out of that long  
period when I did not buy best  
paper because of the high price  
that so many plants of my own  
collecting are labeled in a brief  
way that I alone <sup>can</sup> understand.  
I ought not to have done so but I did  
and now must make good this  
delinquency -

For a strong young woman to  
break down suddenly with nervous  
frustration during a summer vacation  
must have been hard indeed - and  
I rejoice with you over the recovery  
hoping it may be accelerated by  
each days gain. If the eating, and  
sleeping, only correspond with the  
walking ability I should feel quite  
encouraged - if I were you,

So the big calendar came from  
you! I must have overlooked

the address (come to think it was  
not I that made the roll-) and  
have always wondered how it came  
to be sent to me - and by whom -

I return D Mowbray's letter with  
thanks for the pleasure of this  
reading - What interests me most  
was his own evident vigor of  
heart and spirit - What a man!  
And here in our town is his  
classmate, Taylor - Creeping about  
in the sun - on warm days with  
a cane - well fed but rheumatic. What  
a figure he would cut stuck in the  
mud on <sup>the</sup> Pilcomayo River!

I have wondered at D Mowbray's recommending  
paper of 28 lbs to the room when I knew  
that he had always used a lighter weight.  
There is one advantage in the heavy paper  
30 lbs to the ream - it keeps its smooth surface  
under pressure. If I had my choice I  
should like to have three piles to draw  
from at discretion, 20, 25 & 30 lbs -

I may as well "fess" I am the only  
sinner of the household - all the rest have  
gone to church - I have the house all to  
myself and it is awfully still.

Cordially Bobb



926 front Ave  
Rockford Ills  
May 9 1900

Dear friend Deane :-

Rainy day. Spasm  
of virtuous resolution. Half-a-  
dozen formal and business  
letters dropped of the answering  
of which has weighed heavily  
on my mind for a fortnight.  
and now I feel that I have  
earned the right to eat the  
best of my pie having taken  
the crust first -

The addition of 1334 sheets to  
your list for May to May is a  
good report. If you can keep this  
rate of accumulation up for ten  
years what a magnificent showing  
for the area included your  
collection <sup>will</sup> ~~must~~ make - By the by  
which I am very loath to advise

you to extend the area I do  
honestly believe - for myself - that  
sooner than take in the additional  
tier of states which the National  
now includes I would have  
taken instead all the states east  
of the Mississippi - In other words  
the flora of Tenn., S. Car., Ga., Miss  
&c better fits into and supplements  
that of the Northern U. S. than does  
the flora of Kansas - All that is  
peculiar to the district of the  
newly added states really belongs  
more truly to the flora of the  
Plains.

O. A. Farwell came out from  
Chicago and spent a night with  
me. returning the next day to  
join Pringle en route for Mexico:  
with whom he is going as  
assistant - He is a young fellow  
- about twenty three. and not prepossessing  
in appearance - (especially in that  
for so young a man he was so

saturated with the odor of bad  
Tobacco, but I soon learned that  
he had ~~ex~~plained the flora of  
his home neighborhoods with pen  
eyes and a quick appreciation  
of what was best worth seeing -  
After the first impression wore off  
I quite enjoyed him - But my Oh!  
would he have to reform his  
practices in specimen making  
under Principles trustees!

My collecting is becoming an  
accomplished fact! I already  
have gathered afresh. Androsace  
occidentalis, Ranunculus obovatus  
(one earliest spring flower in the  
prairie and rapidly approaching  
extinction) Geum triflorum, Psittaculoides  
nuttallianus, Draba californica  
or microcarpa &c. - I was quite  
interested in my Asters as I said

over them - recently and thought of  
proposing to you that I would  
send you ten specimens - really  
good - not snippy - of western  
species for as many eastern -  
There are several of the forms  
made prominent in the Lyck Fl  
from the eastern state which I  
much like to receive through your  
hands - if not directly collected by  
yourself - and I think - if I had  
<sup>your</sup> ~~that~~ that I can send you some  
good western - Partly because I am  
so determined to study them afire &  
over again for my own satisfaction  
and can just as well as not - double  
the number of specimens taken -

I am hoping to get up to  
Landerdale the first of June - It is  
a better place for botanizing than the  
neighborhood of a city of 25,000 inhabitants  
Cordially  
O. B. B.

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
June 25/90

Dear friend Deane:—

By dint of vigorous  
bumping I have at length made  
my old stylograph give down and  
now if some power would give the  
writer an equally efficacious  
shaking up the whole outfit might  
be brought into working order!—  
I will not attempt to make excuses  
for my long silence. I tried to  
do but it would require twelve pages  
to ~~do~~ <sup>give</sup> the subject <sup>satisfactory</sup> ~~just~~ <sup>treatment</sup> and even  
then the result would be more a  
~~feeling~~ <sup>matter</sup> of relief to the writer than  
of entertainment to the reader.  
On one account however I do feel  
rather guilty— Our youngest daughter  
Mattie went east last week to

spent the summer with her cousins  
(family of Mr H. M. Carpenter Providence, R. I.)  
and when she went away there was  
some chance that she might attend  
Class Day at Harvard - having an  
invitation to do so. - She said that  
if she could possibly, ~~leave~~ without  
breaking in upon the plans of the  
friends whom she was to accompany  
she would certainly try to see Mr & Mrs  
Deane - I promised - or it was  
understood at all events - that I would  
write to her - Afterwards when I came  
to think the matter over it occurred  
to me that that matter would get to Providence  
at some of our day - go down to Warwick  
Rack the next and it did not seem  
likely that she would start off to Cambridge  
the next. As all was so uncertain  
I deemed it best not to say anything  
that might lead her to search for her  
that day - in the crowd - when she  
might not be there at all - She wished  
very much to meet me - and if during

The summer you can anytime find  
it convenient to run over to Providence  
your friend Prof Bailey - who knows  
the Carpenter family - would doubtless  
accompany you to the summer  
residence down the Bay. Should, I  
can assure you would be delighted -  
and it would be a great pleasure  
to me to have her come home  
with an account of a visit from  
Mr Deane - But more of this by & by -  
when I hear from my girl - whether  
she needs to Harvard after all or no.

I confess it was with the secret  
hope that you might find something  
among my early spring collections  
desirable as an addition to the  
"Model herbarium" (in which I am  
ambitious to figure creditably)  
that I wrote out that brief list - I  
certainly did not expect any such  
good luck as that it would include  
a special desideratum - You shall

have *Ranunculus thymoides* in good  
plants - *Gemma triflorum* - enough for  
your own needs and to divide among  
friends - and all the rest. *R. thymoides*  
by the way is not common in herbaria  
- With the exception of a single, poor  
specimen from Cratty - my own showing  
is altogether from collections made  
by myself. I do not know of a  
plant of which - furthermore - I ever  
in my days of industrious collecting  
made so many poor specimens - You  
see it is just about our earliest  
spring flower - I would be all impatience  
- and take it too soon - A month later  
it would be in better condition but by  
that time hands <sup>would be</sup> ~~are~~ full of other  
things and the earlier fatherings  
<sup>would be</sup> ~~are~~ trusted to suffice -

Howler did not go to Illinois with  
Pringle after all. I have my own  
opinion why. But perhaps it would  
not be best to speak too freely about  
a matter of which I know so little.  
I can only say - as between us two -



That if I had just to occupy the same  
wagon and test all through a hot  
Mexican summer with the individual  
in question - some insuperable  
difficulty would be sure to spring up!

1 o'clock P.M.

I had gotten thus far when the  
letter carrier came to the door -  
"Bringing, James of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst -  
"Hurray! hurray! hurray!!!" - Surely  
vacation has begun - But no! The  
next sentence tells all "A Beth  
has been in my name" quick as  
a flash I know that Martin had  
~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> to Cambridge and <sup>that</sup> her friends  
have helped her to carry out her  
wish to call upon the Deans! I  
am very, very glad of it all - Martin  
is a good, whole-souled girl without  
the least bit of affectation - Only  
a few days before she went away  
she was expressing her indignation

and contempt provoked by a young  
lady of our acquaintance who had  
just returned from a short trip to  
Boston - where she had dropped and  
irrevocably lost all her r's, "I like  
to hear eastern people talk - but I  
detest the affectation of a western  
girl trying to imitate them - You  
see if I don't stick to my r's come  
what will" - So I fancy our girl  
came in upon you a thoroughly  
representative of the "woolly west".  
It is very kind of you to say that  
could she have stayed with you  
for several days you would have  
shown her all the notable things  
to be seen in and about Cambridge -  
I know you would, and we all  
appreciate your generous impulses  
as if it had been ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> accomplished  
fact -

The home here is very lonesome  
just now - Mother gone for the  
summer and all the rest - Nina  
and the boys - up at Landerdale

Leaves. The boys were impatient to  
be off and Mrs B and myself staid  
behind to shut up the house - the  
work a little longer after the garden  
&c. - the mill probably remain till after  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Not that we wouldn't  
gladly exchange <sup>for</sup> the quiet of Leardale  
~~for~~ this din of fine crackers - but just  
in account of the f. c's afresaid  
we deem it best to stay and see  
that the house isn't burned down -  
It is all well enough for Anna and  
and I to go off by ourselves - up to the  
lakes for instance - messing together  
over the kitchen table on cold rainy  
days - that's a pic-nick - but to sit  
down on opposite sides of a long  
dining table which we are accustomed  
to seeing surrounded by the faces  
of our children is an altogether  
different thing -

This is not much of a

Botanical letter - neither was  
given for this matter! Of late  
I have been doing more in my  
garden than in the herbarium -  
- but when I get up to Leanderdall  
I shall make up for lost time -

I am all impatience to hear  
from Mattie - Will have a letter this  
evening -

Kindest regards to Mrs Deane

As ever your friend

Mrs Lebb

- var. maritima, Chapm.  
Wislizeni, A. DC.  
var. frutescens, Engelm.

## SALICACEÆ.

### POPULUS

- angustifolia, James.  
balsamifera, L.  
var. candicans, Gray.  
Fremonti, Watson.  
var. (?) Wislizeni, Watson.  
grandidentata, Michx.  
heterophylla, L.  
monilifera, Ait.  
tremuloides, Michx.  
trichocarpa, T. & G.  
var. eupulata, Watson.

### SALIX

- adenophylla, Hook.  
alba, L.  
var. cœrulea, Koch.  
var. Pameachiana, And.  
var. vitellina, Koch.  
amygdaloides, And.  
arctica, Pall.  
var. Brownii, And.  
var. petraea, And.  
argyrocarpa, And.  
? Austinae, Bebb.  
Babylonica, L.  
balsamifera, Barratt.  
Barclayi, And.  
var. latiuscula, And.  
Barrattiana, Hook.  
Breweri, Bebb.  
Californica, Bebb.  
candida, Willd.  
Chamissonis, And.  
chlorophylla, And.  
var. denudata, And.  
var. pycnocarpa, And.  
var. vestita, And.  
cordata, Muhl.  
var. angustata, And.  
var. Mackenziana, Hook.  
var. vestita, And.  
var. Watsoni, Bebb.  
desertorum, Rich.  
var. (?) Wolfii, Bebb.  
Drummondiana, Barratt.

- discolor, Muhl.  
var. eriocephala, And.  
var. prinoides, And.  
flavescens, Nutt.  
var. Scouleriana, Bebb.  
fragilis, L.  
var. decipiens, Hoffm.  
fulcata, var. subglaucula, And.  
glaucula, L.  
var. villosa, And.  
glaucophylla, Bebb.  
herbacea, L.  
Hookeriana, Barratt.  
humilima, And.  
humilis, Muhl.  
var. angustifolia, And.  
var. grandifolia, And.  
var. longifolia, And.  
irrorata, And.  
lævigata, Bebb.  
var. angustifolia, Bebb.  
var. congesta, Bebb.  
lasiandra, Benth.  
var. Fendleriana, Bebb.  
var. lancifolia, Bebb.  
lasiolepis, Benth.  
var. Bigelovii, Bebb.  
var. fallax, Bebb.  
Lemmoni, Bebb.  
var. macrostachya, Bebb.  
var. melanolepis, Bebb.  
var. sphærostachya, Bebb.  
lingulata, And.  
longifolia, Muhl.  
var. argyrophylla, And.  
var. exigua, Bebb.  
var. pedicellata, And.  
lucida, Muhl.  
macrocarpa, Nutt.  
var. argentea, Bebb.  
Monier, Bebb.  
monticola, Bebb.  
myrtilloides, L.  
var. pedicellaris, Carey.  
nigra, Marsh.  
var. longipes, And.  
var. marginata, And.  
var. Wardii, Bebb.  
var. Wrightii, And.  
Novæ-Angliæ, And.  
var. myrtilifolia, And.  
var. pseudo-cordata, And.  
var. pseudo-myrsinites, An.

myrtilifolia, And.

orbicularis, And.  
 ovalifolia, Traut.  
 petiolaris, Smith.  
   var. gracilis, And.  
   var. subsericea, And.  
 phlebophylla, And.  
 phylcoideis, And.  
 prolata, And.  
*purpurea*, L.  
   var. *gracilis*, And.  
   var. *Helix*, Koch.  
   var. *Lambertiana*, Koch.  
 reticulata, L.  
   var. *nivalis*, And.  
 Richardsonsiana, Hook.  
 rostrata, Rich.  
 rotundifolia, Traut.  
 sericea, Marsh.  
 sessilifolia, Nutt.  
   var. *Hindsiana*, And.  
   var. *villosa*, Nutt.  
 Sitchensis, Sanson.  
   var. *angustifolia*, Bebb.  
   var. *congesta*, And.  
   var. (?) *Coulteri*, Bebb.  
   var. *denudata*, And.  
 speciosa, Hook. & Arn.  
 subcordata, And.  
 taxifolia, HBK.  
 tenera, And.  
 tristis, Ait.  
 Uva-ursi, Pursh.  
 venusta, And.  
 vestita, Pursh.  
*viminalis*, L.  
   HYBRIDS.  
*fragilis* × *alba*, Wimmer.  
   var. *vestita*, Wimmer.  
   var. *glabra*, Wimmer.  
~~*Caprea* × *viminalis*, Wimmer.~~  
~~*cinerea* × *viminalis*, Wimmer.~~  
~~*alba* × *lucida*, Bebb.~~  
~~*cordata* × *sericea*, Bebb.~~  
~~*petiolaris* × *candida*, Bebb.~~  
~~*sericea* × *candida*, Bebb.~~  
~~*cordata* × *candida*, Bebb.~~

## EMPETRACEÆ.

### CERATIOLA

*ericoides*, Michx.

### COREMA

*Conradii*, Torr.

### EMPETRUM

*nigrum*, L.

## CERATOPHYLLACEÆ.

### CERATOPHYLLUM

*demersum*, L.

## GNETACEÆ.

### EPHEDRA

*antisiphilitica*, C. A. Meyer.  
*Californica*, Watson.  
*Nevadensis*, Watson.  
*pedunculata*, Engelm.  
*Torreyana*, Watson.  
*trifurca*, Torr.

## CONIFERÆ.

### ABIES

*amabilis*, Forbes.  
*balsamea*, Marshall.  
*bracteata*, Nutt.  
*concolor*, Lindl.  
*Fraseri*, Lindl.  
*grandis*, Lindl.  
*magnifica*, Murray.  
*nobilis*, Lindl.  
*subalpina*, Engelm.  
   var. *fallax*, Engelm.

### CHAMÆCYPARIS

*Lawsoniana*, Parlat.  
*Nutkaensis*, Spach.  
*sphæroidea*, Spach.

### CUPRESSUS

*Arizonica*, Greene.  
*Goveniana*, Gordon.  
*Guadalupensis*, Watson.  
*Macnabiana*, Murr.  
*macrocarpa*, Hartw.

### JUNIPERUS

*Californica*, Carr.  
   var. *Utahensis*, Engelm.  
*communis*, L.  
   var. *alpina*, Gaud.  
*pachyphloea*, Torr.  
*occidentalis*, Hook.  
   var. *conjugens*, Engelm.  
   var. *monosperma*, Engelm.  
*Sabina*, L.

Can you find me the P.O. address of  
G. H. Peck within  
of the following  
article in last  
Bulletin. He says I  
have a copy of his  
paper, which he Smith  
to ask me to put  
I do not know where  
he lives - I think  
in  
J. H. H. H. H.

Can I see

congratulate myself to Mr Deane in  
this letter for there is so much to  
tell and I have not time for  
everything. Mr Mason helped me to  
look up his residence and went with  
me to his house. "He sent up our  
names by the servants as we did  
not have cards. Presently a gentleman  
came walking down the stairs very  
sedately and came toward me in  
the most unconcerned manner in my  
recollection. "I shook all over." "I asked if  
that was Mr Deane. he did not appear  
to be moved - and positively did not understand  
what I said." "Then I said "I was Miss  
Bobb" - "Why, this is. Why this is so  
unexpected." "Where did you come from?"  
"I am so very glad to see you." By  
this time he spoke to Robert. I told  
him where I was from and how I  
came there. We talked about different  
things. He said it was too bad that  
he was going north to botanize by  
himself and you (father) to be



obtaining by myself." By & by he went  
out to call his wife "Margie Margie  
come here - see who who we have  
here" and then we went through  
much the same thing again - then  
he took up to see his study - a  
very cozy room - then he showed me  
his library which is quite as cozy as  
the study - In fact the whole house  
gives one an impression of coziness  
though I could not tell very much about  
it as they were torn up getting ready  
for packing - Mr Deane himself looks  
much as his photograph, only he is  
slighter than we all inferred from  
the picture - I know that father would  
enjoy him - Mrs Deane does not look  
like an invalid at all, and is a  
very nice lady indeed" [together with  
more than that would buy my ears  
for copying] our time was limited

for we had to meet the train as it was hard to get away "Do stay longer - Don't hurry - stay to dinner just stay, and have a little soup" After we had gotten a block away from the house I looked back and he waved his hand descending - It was certainly a very cordial reception they gave me and my fears soon vanished - "He is coming to see me here the latter part of this week or the first of next."

When Gladie went away she expressed a determination to see Mr Deane if possible - and I feel quite indebted to Mr Mason for so kindly helping her to carry out her purpose -

You will have seen by the papers what a season of excessive heat we have had here in St. Ills. Hot, day & night - The temperature of rooms which we tried to keep cool would get about 85° - Out of doors in the shade it was about 90° - and in the sun everywhere from 110° up to 120° - Wife and I were here alone - so we shut up the

house and wandered about day and  
night searching for cool places -  
in Mother Hubbard and Father Hubbard  
costumes - But in the garden how  
things do grow - for this warm temper-  
ature - both day and night - forces  
wonderfully a vegetation the roots  
of which spread in a soil saturated  
with moisture - I never saw such  
luxuriant Canas - Had it not  
been for the heavy and continued  
rains which immediately preceded  
the heat everything would be burned  
up - There is a better air today though  
the Thermometer registers  $90^{\circ}$  in the shade  
(on the north side of the house away from  
all reflections) and the sun heat is  
terrific - I saw a negro driver and  
a coal cart Saturday, with an  
umbrella spread over his head!  
Thousands of bushels of Strawberries

have gone to waste because pickers  
could not be had at any price to  
go into the fields and gather the  
fruit. I have seen very warm  
weather here, but it was the dry  
heat of an intercontinental area and  
the very dryness of the atmosphere  
which led the sun beat down - at  
night admitted of an equally rapid  
radiation into space so that nights  
were as cool as the days were hot. But  
for the past week we have had  
something - I fancy - like the sultry  
heat of India.

Wife and I remain here  
until July 5<sup>th</sup> - possibly until the  
Monday following. I would say  
direct your letters hereafter to Elkhorn  
Wis only there is a simple contingency,  
which arising, I might be kept here  
for a week or ten days longer. I will  
let you know when the matter is fully  
decided. Once more thanking both yourself  
and Mrs Deane for your very cordial reception  
of our daughter - I remain as ever  
your friend M. B.

2<sup>nd</sup> week in July /89.

Landerdale Lakes  
near

Elkhorn Wis.

Friday morning

Day of the month lost already

My dear Mr Deane:—

It is delightful  
to get letters from you and  
Mattie by the same mail. Each  
so supplements the other! If you  
were pleased with the cordiality of  
your reception at Warwick Neck  
I can assure you the family  
there were, in turn, delighted with  
their visitor:—and this not on the  
testimony alone of our enthusiastic  
daughter but Nina has a letter  
from "Cousin Lettie" which quite  
confirms all that we had other-  
wise heard. But I beg of you  
not to place too much confidence  
in those composite mental pictures

of Jones made up from a  
few photographs and Mattie's  
"introduction" of the parties "indiv-  
dually". It was less than six  
months ago that I ~~distinctly~~ ~~recall~~  
~~having~~ heard that young lady  
herself make the philosophical  
remark that it would not be  
wise for the Bobbs and Deanes  
to meet for they would surely be  
disappointed - and now it seems she  
has been doing her best to render  
such a catastrophe probable. Possibly  
however the photographs - especially the  
Leander Dale lot may have done some-  
something in the way of toning up  
the word painting. If ever another  
amateur photographer comes about  
my precious Tarkington groups I'm  
going for him with a shot gun!  
Did she tell you that I was a  
rather prematurely old man - with  
the general appearance, the bearing  
and bronchitis, of a broken down

worst of all not herself ~~at~~ even  
her disinclination to write letters  
sets back in the same feeling of  
personal depreciation - But if you stay  
long enough - as of course you will -  
to really get acquainted - or if you  
should happen to be taken just a  
bit sick enough to cause any  
concern - you will find and far  
enough the mother love that  
broods over the household.

I can trust the fidelity of Mathe's  
introduction to the boys and her  
sister - If I should say anything  
myself I might do the very thing  
I have suspected her of doing -  
namely - laying ~~on~~ on the high lights  
too profusely.

We had a serenade last night  
from our young people who are staying  
for a week at the Elkhorn Club House.  
The singing was not particularly fine  
but what took me was the miscella-  
neous character of their repertoire.

Several numbers were given  
precisely in the order here written  
down -

4. Rally 'round the flag Boys!
5. Stealer my God to thee.
- 6 We won't go home till morning  
! ! ! !

I have not been over to 'Uncle  
Darius' boy yet to see if Epulobium  
moder is coming on but I doubt now  
it is - It was six weeks later than this  
that I found it last year -

I have not seen the article of  
Greene to which you refer - Have not the  
money to pay for Pattonia - even if I wanted  
to subscribe for it. - In my opinion  
Greene is moving along that perilous  
ridge which divides erratic genius  
from insanity - The history of his  
religious life - always a reliable index  
in such cases - seems to betoken such  
as the three states of the case - I would not  
be surprised to learn any day that he  
had become insane -

The ~~editor~~ of the 6<sup>th</sup> page warns me  
to stop - I send this to the old address - expecting  
it to be forwarded. -

Kind regards to Mrs. Lane  
As ever your friend M. B.



and that to even a greater extent  
than I imagine my conservatism  
has influenced the home life of the  
family. - By dint of what we  
laughingly term among ourselves  
"cooperative housekeeping" we manage  
to live comfortably - and even in  
some respects to cultivate the  
refinements and amenities of life -  
but it is done on a mighty slender  
financial basis. - and I need not  
tell you where the head and heart  
is, which wisely and lovingly  
directs and renders possible the  
carrying out of the scheme - Here is  
another chance for momentary dis-  
appointment if ever you came to  
make us a good long visit - as I  
hope you may - both of course  
understood - some time. Mrs B.  
like her husband - has seen too  
many years of care and anxiety  
not to have lost the suppleness and  
vivacity of even middle-life. She is  
rather reticent and embarrassed on  
meeting strangers - not self assertive

Minister. I know this is so from  
the persistency with which news  
boys stop at my side when on  
board the cars. such supposed to  
be tempting literature as "Morley's  
Sermons" "How to conduct a revival  
successfully" &c. &c. and train boys  
are said to be wonderfully expert  
in "signing up" their customers.

Besides you must not be misled by  
the social setting in which you met  
our girl. We are the "poor relations"  
on both sides of the house, and  
live in a very modest way.  
The social life of Southern Ohio thirty  
or forty years ago - especially that of  
the country gentleman - was to me  
almost an ideal one. and I was  
slow to realize that it had been  
all swept away by the war and  
the conditions which followed. - I  
sometimes think I never have, and  
never will, fully realize this

Laurel Dale Lakes

near  
Elkhorn, Wis.

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 190

Dear Mr Deane:—

If I were seized  
of a strong and virtuous deter-  
mination to write letters I would  
select a subject worthy the  
vigor of my purpose. As the  
case stands I have only a  
weak, flickering desire which  
must be turned against  
untoward influences to prevent  
miscarriage and ~~on~~ I inflict  
myself upon you! May be you  
don't take this for a first-class  
compliment. But I assure you  
that is just what I intended  
it for. Don't we go to see  
our best of friends when we

are down in the dumps and don't we make duty calls when we feel equal to the occasion.

Thanks for the photographs - How vividly they recall the scenery around Wachuset - and the happy summer twenty four years ago! The pictures were shown to all the persons in our camp (the inmates of the three cottages live as intimately together almost as if they belonged to one family) and duly admired.

You perhaps heard something of the charitable project which took Miss Lettie Carpenter up to Bartlett's N. H. for a fortnight. She was so delighted that she sent for Mattie to join her the second week. Our girl wrote enthusiastically about the scenery of the White Mountains - and I can't read between the lines that she

looked through a pair of western eyes - "the dewy ferns overhanging the footpaths" - "how little the presence of man has affected wild nature" - This land is sure to be the uppermost thought with any one born and bred in the fertile valleys of the West when for the first time they are hurried home in a piece of New England wild wood. - You see "Miss Mattie was nearer" for a time. than you imagine.

We would gladly exchange Lonsdale lakes for the cool hills of New England. But our present retreat is the best within our reach and we are more than content with the blessings we have. - "I'll tell you what it is Beth" said a friend a few days ago "you don't half appreciate the advantages of this place. - You

say that by & by when Chicago  
people come in and take possession  
you are going to sell out and go  
north into the pimerias. but I have  
been there several summers and I  
can tell you you have got to carry  
in everything you want during  
your stay - Here you paddle up  
the channel and for miles you  
have nothing to remind you of the  
proximity of a farm house yet I  
notice when we came back that  
Frank even goes for milk and you  
have your spring chickens and  
berries. and green corn and ice -  
and all that sort of thing. Its a  
mighty sight different, especially  
with a family, from living on bacon  
and dry bread - Besides the only  
inhabitants of that Pine region  
are a lot of degraded Norwegians  
left behind from the old lumbering  
days and you would find no  
one to take charge of your cottage

during the ten months of the  
year when it is unoccupied."  
All of which upon due consideration  
was set down to the credit of  
Landerdall -

If you have enough and the  
space please give me specimens of  
*Solidago Virgaurea* v. *alpina* showing  
its variations in stature dependent  
upon altitude and exposure. I have  
a fine series of *Virgaurea* and  
the allied (now given specific rank  
I believe) *S. humilis*, and would be  
glad to add thereto something  
from your hand, -

We are glad to learn that  
Mrs Deane is so much benefited  
by her stay in the mountains.  
- Sometimes some of us get a little  
mixed up as to whether we are  
really better or only feel better.  
But walking two miles a day, is  
a real tangible fact about which

about which there can be no mistake

A week ago we went through  
a few days of irksome weather  
- hot sun the wind blowing a  
steady gale - just - How - How - How  
from morning till night - If you  
got under shelter you felt smothered  
if you got out into the wind you  
felt that every film of perspiration  
over your whole body was being  
absorbed - so that you were running  
risks of taking cold - Happily a  
glorious rain - soaking the parched  
earth followed and we are now  
in the full enjoyment of the  
usual temperature of the region

Kindest regards to Mrs Deane

Cordially yours

Wm L. Lath



Aug. - 1890.

Landdale Lakes  
near  
Elkhorn, Wis  
Aug

Dear Mr Deane! -

Behold how Mistress  
Margie shall be brought to  
Confusion! I "write again"  
instantly.

Oh what torturing. "Pretty  
innocent and enthusiastic  
sixteen" holding a sheltering  
umbrella over Bitarsius while  
he digs up his Hypocissus  
Pancardus. Is it idyllic!  
Just too sweet for anything!!

You may send along your  
amateur photograph of Walter  
Deane in his "tramping rig"  
but it shall never - never take  
from me this lovely vision

of just how he manages to  
sustain the enthusiasm of  
agents in the midst of his  
arduous labors

I return herewith Dr  
Morris's letter with many  
thanks for the pleasure I have  
had in reading it - To tell the  
truth the obligation I feel  
under to return promptly that  
someone else may have it in  
turn has something to do with  
this "quick" reply - only you  
needn't tell your wife so.

I wonder if any Indian  
maiden ever holds an umbrella  
over Morris's head! He does lots  
of work out in the hot sun and  
I have never been able to see  
just how he endures - He is a  
gay and lively old fellow and  
I would not risk him an inch  
- way off there in Paraguay

but what  
if even he got "quite young  
again" on occasion.

I am ~~not~~ going to attend  
the Indianapolis meeting, of the  
A.A.A.S. in fact I have let my  
membership of the association  
go by default through non-payment  
of dues. I enjoy the opportunity  
which the gathering affords of  
meeting, ~~personally~~ botanical friends  
and giving the additional charm  
of personal acquaintance to  
friendships grown up through  
correspondence - but after you  
have said this you have said all  
the rest is "vainety and vexation  
of spirit" and costs much money  
in hotel bills and travelling  
expenses - unless you happen to  
belong to the inside ring

which manages the concern -  
- ~~They~~ <sup>as</sup> I have attended not a  
few of the receptions tendered the  
association - both early and <sup>late</sup>,  
and of all the dismal affairs  
you can conjure up, commended  
me to a company of "society  
people" trying to entertain a  
company of students. - And then  
have the "Members" do deport themselves.  
- Here comes that old bag of wind  
Sturges Hunt. swelling himself up  
and trying to look as big as  
his own estimate of himself -  
- before a bevy of Mrs Geo. Hunters -  
for all the world like a turkey  
fobbler strutting in the barn  
yard - and after him some  
superannuated, swaggy-faced  
marsh like Cope, bowing and  
grimacing - first this side and  
then that - to a lady on each  
arm - profuse in the gallantry

a little of which might better  
be bestowed on the abused wife  
at home! and so the procession  
moves - I always had a  
fatal inclination to get  
into a corner and look  
on instead of, wisely going  
in for the enjoyment of the  
occasion

Mattie writes that the  
Carpenters wish her to remain  
with them until after they  
return to the City - It seems  
a long time to our girl, but  
she wisely remarks that she  
need not decide now - and at  
any rate she can come home  
in two days when she really  
makes up her mind to come.  
We have missed her here at  
the lakes very much. Indeed

just now we are without  
any daughter - Nina having  
gone for a few days visit  
with girl-friends in Elkhart -  
Only Mrs Bell and myself and  
three boys for a family.

I was thinking, one time -  
that if I were down in Jaffrey  
that I might keep pace with  
Mrs Deane (if I could not with  
her brisker husband) but  
now that she is working up to  
a 4 mile stretch I doubt it.  
An up grade beats me! I did  
however pull on, our with  
Nina a few mornings ago  
making five miles in fifty  
minutes - there being a rather  
stout lady passenger in the  
stern - Kind regards from Mrs  
~~Deane~~ <sup>Bell</sup> and myself to Mrs Deane  
and ourselves cordially Bell

Leander Dale Leakes  
near

Elkhorn Wisconsin

Aug 7 / 90

Dear Mr Deane:—

I promised the children  
that I would ask you why  
"a hypocrites [I think it was  
so written]" eye can better deny  
than you or I. We have once  
too a pussy cat goes!— and I  
gave all about it! This is to  
make good my neglect. The  
Communion beat us all—

Our neighbors on the south  
close their cottage next week—  
those on the north this week  
following. Then we will be left  
alone in our glory so far as the  
Rockford Camp is concerned. We

Plan to return home Aug 28<sup>th</sup>

All this makes us feel that our summer vacation is really drawing to a close.

I have lots to do when I get home - The house needs repainting and I have planned an extension of the lawn and border for shrubbery and hardy perennials - Now that we are absent during July & Aug this space at first allotted to small fruits and kitchen garden proves to be too large and I am only too happy to utilize it in the way suggested above. There is a package - a small one - of Guatemalan Willows from Mr Smith awaiting my return - a good starter on Willow work for the winter

A pious old fool - deacon in the Methodist church - director of a bank in Elkhart a man worth over \$100,000 - from whom I bought this lot was victimized day before yesterday out of \$6,000 in gold by 3-card monte - The old trick that has been exposed in the newspapers over over again - Who says that Landen Dale is not up in the pictures as a gambler

W. B. B.

summers



926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Sept 8<sup>th</sup> / 93

Dear Mr Deane -

I opened with trepidation  
your letter of Aug 18<sup>th</sup> - superseded  
by your wife. That felt reasonable  
upon finding no mention of any  
circumstance whatsoever to account  
for the disappearance of your  
own familiar handwriting from  
the envelope. Left to myself I  
imagined that you had gone off  
in a hurry on some botanical  
excursion and had called back  
to Mrs Deane to please send off  
the letters left undirected, - Your  
reference in a later letter to being  
"taken quite sick - 4 days in bed -"  
gives a different construction on the  
matter and makes me feel ashamed

That I did not more promptly reply  
to your brief note - and inquire into the  
why's and wherefores of that family  
epistle, - The last week of the  
holidays and the first week of getting  
settled here at home into the  
familiar notes in a season when  
correspondence is too apt to be  
neglected -

Now about Epilobium molle! I  
had intended to make a good job  
of sending you this plant in all  
cuts and sizes - forma minor - forma  
major - &c. &c. But lo! when I  
visited the locality where it grows  
so abundantly last summer I could  
find only two plants. Fortunately one  
of these is a very fine one - so I am  
able to save my reputation and  
redeem my promise - letting this full  
representation go for next summer

The answer to the pressing and common  
curious a good laugh - Why is a room  
full of married people empty - Can it

they were not up at Lonsdale -  
I myself found some compensation  
in having Arthur and Mattie at home  
for a few days to help find the garden  
- gravel walks &c in good order - but  
really we might have prolonged our  
stay one week - only that the children  
especially those in the High School. felt  
that they ought to be present the day  
school began -

Mattie is coming home about the  
12<sup>th</sup> of Oct. She writes that she has  
grown so stout and brown. That her  
personal appearance can scarcely <sup>be</sup> said  
to be <sup>an</sup> improvement - but I'll risk that.

One hates to be for ever making  
excuses but I hope you will accept  
this dull letter as evidence of a  
good intention, of the heart which  
the head failed to sustain.

How happy you would be in the  
recovery by the source of her wanted  
health & strength!

Cordially  
Mrs. L. L. L.

he became there is not a single person in  
it - or is there a more reasonable answer.  
Now I must give you two or three which  
I heard at the Lakes this summer -  
Perhaps already familiar -

- 1<sup>st</sup> Why is the Devil a perfect gentleman?
- 2<sup>d</sup> Why is Joseph Gillott the most  
refined of men?
- 3 Why is a crow?

"Why do we come home from  
the Lakes so early as Aug 28<sup>th</sup>?" Well  
just for this absurd reason - "By a  
City Ordinance (back of which the School  
Board can not go) the <sup>Public</sup> schools must  
be opened the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in Sept. - It  
happened this year that the County Fair  
was held the same week - upon which  
great occasion the schools are always  
dismissed - so we all came home  
- the children went to school for just  
one day - and then the rest of the  
week - in our family - growled because

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Sept 25<sup>th</sup> /90

Dear Mr Deane -

Yours of Sept 21<sup>st</sup>  
including, another letter from Dr  
Manning excites some qualms of  
conscience that I have not soon  
acknowledged one of Sept 18<sup>th</sup> including  
Manning first from Buenos Aires -  
Strange that our friends foreboding  
of revolt should have been written  
only the day before the actual  
outbreak occurred - There is something  
interesting to me - recalling as it  
does how the people of the north  
during our civil war were <sup>often</sup> led to  
misinterpret the events of the  
day - to read Mr Manning's statement  
that the "Government" succeeded in

suppressing the rebellion" - a rebellion  
that was ~~as far~~ ~~practically~~ ~~successful~~  
~~that it~~ "succeeded in suppressing"  
Colman "in five or six days" -  
Of course in Queens lines the  
whole affair is given out as a  
triumph of the government - and  
Murray thoughtlessly falls in with the  
popular idea -

As to that "remarkable transformation"  
I have an obscure notion that the  
foal turns the butter - but give the  
connect this with the girl and scarlet  
cloak -

As for the animal with most brains  
we all give it up -

Against the Devil. Being Imp-<sup>of</sup> Darkness  
he can not be imp o' lite - See!

Neglecting Murray and stupid  
otherwise - This just the cover  
Murray's letters beneath returned -

Mattie starts for home a week from  
To-day -

Sincerely yours  
M. J. Leth

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Oct 22<sup>d</sup> 1890

My dear Mr Deane:-

I have just  
returned from two weeks visiting  
kith and kin in and about  
Chicago - I have, living there -  
two sons and their families - one  
daughter and her family (three ~~boys~~  
grandsons) - a sister and two married  
nieces - in all seven households -  
I came home rather tired - not  
to say exhausted - by too much  
excitement and a sort of  
necessity I was under to make  
sedule time - no matter what  
the weather out of doors - Had I  
stood as long in each place as  
I was ~~needed~~ to remain the

whole winter would scarcely have  
seen me through -

This simply to acknowledge  
the many little tokens of  
remembrance which I find on  
my table from you - the return  
Mr Mornys letter (how very interesting  
it is?) and to promise that by & by  
I will try to make amends for  
present shortcomings - I want  
to leave your article in the  
American Garden for a revision  
opportunity - One does not care to  
have such enjoyments spoiled by  
haste -

Mattie is home and already  
quite settled into her accustomed  
place and occupations -

Kindest regards to Mr Deane  
and pray excuse this scrawl - only a  
little bit better than unexplained  
silence would have been Cordially Both



926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill.  
Nov 27 /90

Dear Mr Deane:-

I must write a few lines if only, to thank you for the Asters. I looked them over with satisfaction when they were first received. But postponed anything like a careful study until such time - now near at hand. <sup>as</sup> when I can spread the specimens out before me, mounted in first-class style. I scarcely know what I shall have to send you in return but I have picked up several plants, as their season passed, which I thought at the time would please you - among, the rest. *Hamamelis virginiana*

and this single fine specimen of  
Epilobium molle which enables me  
to just the skin of my teeth  
to redeem a reckless promise - I  
shall never again expect to find  
an Epilobium in a swamp one  
season just because the place was  
full of it the season before!

I have been intent upon  
things now - botanical, and now there  
is only four weeks intervening till  
the Christmas Holidays - but after  
that, sets in my annual season  
of leisure for herbarium work -  
I am looking forward to it coming  
with unalloyed <sup>pleasure</sup> since I have no  
task work before me. Nothing that  
must be done on schedule time

I do not venture a single comment  
on your interesting collection of  
Aster - but I am sure I shall have  
something to say later on. This  
is just to thank you for them  
Cordially J. Lott

Nov 27. 1890.

Your postal just  
handed me!

I join in  
spirit the cordial  
greeting, and  
welcome him  
which our  
beloved Mormon,  
is today receiving  
from his Boston  
friends

W L G

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Dec 3-27/90

My dear Mr Deane:—

I poisoned your  
Asters last evening and this morning  
—right after breakfast. I arranged them  
on sheets for mounting. What a  
beautiful collection and how  
satisfactory in showing the totality  
of character for each species are  
the sumptuous specimens! I do not  
recall having even <sup>before</sup> received from  
one person, at a single sending, so  
many fine Asters. The enthusiasm  
which they awakened led me to make  
a revision of all the specimens in  
my herbarium — rearranging the  
species after the grouping of the  
Synoptical Flora. So I quite made  
an Aster Day of it. Most of the  
northern species, revived by frag or

at any rate made conspicuous as  
additions to the Manual I had -

1. Aster Linalei anus, I suspect (ex descr)  
that I have a single specimen of this  
sub named A. Drummondii

2 Aster cinereus vera

3. A. polyphyllus - A specimen mixed  
with A. ericoides is probably of this  
species but I would like something  
authentic for comparison

4. A. longifolius et var. - Could you get  
this for me from your New Brunswick  
correspondent.

5. A. patulus

6 A. tadeiflorus -

No! you can't prove anything  
by one ancient form intermediate  
between A. ruminus and A. diffusus -  
but I am very glad indeed to add  
to the group in my herbarium -  
specimens like these of yours "compared  
carefully with others named by Franz  
himself" as affording an indication  
of about where in the series it is  
best on the whole to make the  
division.

I fear I notice still repeats his  
old assertion that *A. Drummondii* runs  
into *A. sagittifolius*. So it may, and  
in herbarium specimens the relationship  
may seem closer than it really is.  
I am myself strongly of the opinion  
that *A. Drummondii* here in St. Ells-  
represents *A. undulatus* into which  
it passes as you go southward.

A year ago in a bog near Lounddale  
Lake I collected an *Aster* which at  
the time I took to be an attenuated  
form of *A. paniculatus* - which <sup>species</sup> I thought  
I observed on the edge of the bog in  
its normal development. But when  
I got home I found my *Aster* was  
*A. juncens* and now I am curious  
to know if maybe I was mistaken  
about the *A. paniculatus* also. It may  
have been *A. longifolius*. I will  
send you the form which I take  
to be *A. juncens* for verification.  
I find in my pocket two  
letters and a newspaper clipping

from Mr. Mornay, which have only been retained through inadvertence -

A letter from your friend M.B. would it seem quite natural if the Salices were ignored altogether - now I may add if the M.B. aforesaid did not have something to bother you with - so here it goes -

Capt. J. Donnell Smith sends me for determination a Willow from S. America - which according to the books might be named *S. Humboldtiana* var. *falcata* and (= *S. falcata*, Kunth) The specimens are so exactly like *S. nigra* v. *falcata* = *S. falcata* Pursh. that had they been collected near Baltimore I should never have suspected the slightest difference. Now what I want to know is this when Kunth named them *S. falcata* did he intend to refer them to Pursh's species - or did he without knowing that the name had already been given to a plant of S. America - use the name *falcata* for a supposed new species of his own. Do you get the idea? For the life of me I can not see wherein the plant of the Andes differs from that of the U.S.

and if Knuth thought the same  
I might feel like giving S. nigra  
to S. America - albeist it is mighty  
convenient to draw the line in  
Central America and call everything  
south of that S. Humboldtiana.

We had delightful fall  
weather - Both east and west of us  
were storms and freezing cold before  
winter set in here in earnest -  
Up to the day before Thanksgiving we  
worked in the garden - and on that  
very day laid some sods - But now  
the ground is covered with snow and  
we have had the thermometer as  
low as  $5^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit -

Mattie sends her kindest  
regards to yourself & Mrs Deane - "I  
wish you could see them Father, I  
know you would like them!"  
- She goes out like her last photopose  
- a dislike shared by all who know  
her - She wishes me to say that



when she has another sitting - and  
gets a picture she is not ashamed of -  
- she will send to you with pleasure -

Well - the winter is before us - my  
season - and presumably gives us well  
for herbarium work and study - Let  
me hear from you often as of  
old - You can get up any amount of  
enthusiasm when there is such a  
group of botanists to create a kind  
of reverberatory heat - and I get the  
benefit of the portion which  
becomes fixed in your letters -

Matthies says that you are coming  
next as soon as Mrs Seane is able to  
make the journey - I have always felt  
a sympathetic interest in your wife's  
improved health - but now I shall have  
a downright selfish motive and  
wishing that all the gain of one  
summer may be held over and piled  
at top the next -

Yours cordially  
Wm. L. Bith

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Dec 10 1892

My dear Mr Deane:-

I have been revising  
my *Polidora* today. a lighter task  
as compared with a similar overhauling  
given the *Aster* a short time since  
I barely save myself on *P. oligus* a not  
*germania* by a single specimen from  
New Brunswick legit Porter. All the  
rest of my so called *P. angust stricta*  
*Ait* goes to *P. neglecta* 794, most of  
it in forms intermediate between  
the type and var *lividus*. There  
is a plant from the Pocono Mts  
Pa - which has been often collected  
more especially by Profs Druell Greene  
and Porter. I have not a doubt  
but you will find it in the

Gray herbarium - and I wish you  
could sometime tell me under  
what name. whether as *S. neglecta*  
or *S. nigricans* (= *stricta* of the old Manual)

Furthermore I collected at Fontanaudall  
a similar form which I send out  
sometimes as "*S. stricta*" - sometimes as  
*S. neglecta* - I scarcely knew which to  
call it - but now that *linoides* is  
made a variety of *neglecta* I can  
scarcely be in error in regarding my  
plant as of this species - intermediate  
between the type and variety - You may  
come across this too in the herb - if  
so please tell me where Dr Gray carried  
it in his final revision -

Cordially

Beck

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Decr 18<sup>th</sup> / 90

My dear Mr Deane:—

Porter's error be  
more satisfactory than your report  
upon the final determinations made  
by Dr Gray upon some forms of  
*Solidago neglecta* &c collected by myself  
and others. It proves conclusively just  
what I have all along suspected. Porter  
and Greene were not in error when they  
sent those three specimens under one  
ticket and Dr Gray himself made a  
mistake when he carried the two forms  
with strict inflorescence to one species  
and the third with "plainly second"  
inflorescence to another. I have stood  
in the midst of acres of this plant  
and I know as a field botanist that  
the two forms are not even varieties  
of the same species. It is rarely the  
case that a collector - unless his attention

is specially given to the matter will  
collect a species so fully as to give the  
clearest botanist the same impression which  
he himself gets from the plant as  
found growing - If the strict forms  
of *S. neglecta* are to be carried to  
*S. uliginosa* roots - then *S. neglecta* in  
this must go with them. But after  
all Foster's New Brunswick plant in  
my herb. - good uliginosa - seems to be  
of a different species - *S. neglecta*  
in all forms grows in a bog up at  
Lundendale and if I am there next  
season (as I hope to be late enough for  
collecting asters) I will get a series  
of forms for you. - The strict forms,  
and the second, flower together, both  
very late - The specimen from Ringwood  
Ils was collected by D Vasey! To sum  
up then my present impressions -  
*S. uliginosa* of the coast, Maine and  
northward, is a well defined species -  
flowering early &c - with this D Gray  
has confounded forms of *S. neglecta*

with strict inflorescence - flowering at  
the very close of the season alone, with  
Gentiana detonsa &c and it is probably  
upon the <sup>evidence seemingly afforded by</sup> ~~strongly~~ these forms that  
the range of *S. uliginosa* is extended  
to Pa - and Minn. It seems - I realize  
that - and seems in me to thus  
criticize Dr Gray's determinations in  
Carpenteria - but I have known this  
plant all my botanical days in a  
way he never did - and this is not  
the first time in many years that  
I have been bothered by the book  
accounts of it - only now that I know  
that Dr Gray separated the specimens  
from the Pocono Mts - I can see just  
why he did so - on account of the  
inflorescence - and know that he made  
a mistake. But what an additional  
value your notes will give to all  
my specimens! For instance Porters  
specimens from Pocono Mts - even those

with secund inflorescence are labeled  
"S. stricta" then go the neglecta suffi-  
ciently own specimens to match the  
form which you say I found had  
placed in "ferus even marked  
"neglecta verging towards Muhlenbergii"  
(= arguta) are easily identified - but  
I never thought of a transition towards  
arguta - a species which I did not grow  
at Mountain Dale.

I sent Dr. Gray the series of specimens which led to naming *S. gigantea* and *S. serotina*. - I also sent him a series which first convinced him that *juicea* and *Missionensis* were confluent - and verily believe that had I known of what I believe to be an error concerning *S. neglecta* I might have had it corrected - I suspected the range of *S. religiosa* has been unduly extended by confounding with this species form of *S. neglecta* with strict inflorescence. At the same time I wrote to Gray I sent a note to Porter telling him that I had transformed all of his

P.S. A few days ago I came unexpectedly upon a nice, clean copy of Pattersons Catalogue of the Plants of Illinois - which I send you by mail with my best compliments. I feel pretty sure that you haven't it. for it has been out of print almost from the day it was issued - and that was before you had any Illinois correspondents I imagine - botanical ones that is.

There probably never was published a State Catalogue, so carefully edited and well printed of which there was such a limited number of copies struck off - just enough - at 50 cts apiece to recover the cost of paper &c. the type setting and press work ~~was~~<sup>being</sup> a labor of love. I believe there were less than one hundred copies - over and above those subscribed for beforehand. Five or six years ago Prof Beale wrote Mr Patterson and was told in reply that the author



had no copies left. - As I took five  
he (Patterson) refused Prof B. to me  
but I thought at the time that I  
had more the space - so please don't  
mention this one to that person - for  
I would thereby be placed in a rather  
unpleasant position. - I have always  
regretted that Patterson did not adhere  
to his intention of publishing supplements  
annually - but I suppose now that the  
small number of copies first issued  
makes it inexpedient to tag an addenda,  
there would be two botanists wanting the  
addenda to one who could possibly possess  
the original Catalogue

You must enjoy - after all - the  
work of arranging Dr Gray's autograph  
letters - but there is one matter in which  
I should feel even a greater interest -  
viz. in knowing that Mr Gray was  
editing his correspondence - so as to give  
us a life in the modern style - We get  
a little foretaste in the life of Darwin -  
but think of what the correspondence  
between two such lovable men as Gray  
and Hooker must have been!

B.

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Dec 22/90

My dear Mr Deane:-

At the same time I wrote  
requesting you to tell me about final  
disposition of my bud made of certain  
solidagers. I wrote to my old friend  
Prof Porter, telling him what I proposed  
to do with his "*S. stricta*" so called from  
Picon's Mr and asking, what he thought  
about it. The inclosed letter rec'd in  
reply may be of interest to you.  
I am not convinced, I have stood in  
the midst of acres of *S. neglecta* and  
observed all around me every conceivable  
gradation of panicle from strict and  
wand like the spreading and secund.  
The thought of two species never entered  
my mind. Next autumn D.V. I will  
give this matter some attention  
a-field. The implication seems to me  
to be that if the strict form of *S. neglecta*  
(as I regard it) must be carried to *uliginosa*

then the whole species (neglected in tota)  
must go along with it. The alternative  
is that the A. virginiana of coast may  
still be different (as I think it is)  
and separable on characters more  
brutofus emphasized. I observe that  
Nile in the last Garden & Forest just  
at hand. speaks of virginiana and  
neglects - as Horning, together along  
with the fringed pavements - I can  
imagine just what he had in mind.

Your all the short paper on the  
Shore of the Summer of Mr. Mordue strikes  
me as altogether the best thing of the  
kind you have written lately. It is  
simple, unpretentious - in good taste  
and your pen loses <sup>none of</sup> ~~not all~~ the  
grace and ease which <sup>we</sup> ~~was~~ like  
so much in your <sup>private correspondence</sup> letters. I have  
thought sometimes <sup>that</sup> when you wrote for  
the public eye ~~that~~ all the enthusiasm  
of one Walter Deane was utterly squelched.  
Perhaps - if you will pardon a little bit  
of good natured criticism I would  
just venture to suggest that simply

became a certain locality <sup>is</sup>  
only "four hours <sup>it does not necessarily follow</sup> from Boston," that  
therefore it ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> "within easy  
access to lovers of botany" - in  
general. This is a bit of that  
sort of unconscious assumption which  
one of the wild and woolly west are  
prone to detect in the citizen of  
Boston and New York -

Aina & Mattie are busy  
packing Christmas boxes for  
absent members of the family  
and friends - I have been lending  
my aid and writing at odd spells  
which may account for ~~the~~  
scratched and corrected pages and  
general incoherency - I only intended  
to include Porter's letter and here I  
am at the bottom of a third  
page - With the best wishes of the

season to both yourself and Mrs  
Deane - and with especial emphasis  
on Mattie's portion - the whole  
family write -

Voice from up stairs - "Father  
are you busy?" No - "Well, will  
you please nail the lid on that  
box so that Mother can take it  
down" - Yes - and that means that  
after the lid is nailed down my  
letter must be ready to go down  
also -

Heartily

Roll

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Dec 27 1900

My dear Mr Deane:-

The house was full on Christmas day but since then guests have taken their departure and our immediate home circle has thinned out until only Nina, Mattie & Frank are left with Mrs B. and myself: giving a quiet opportunity for those of us who remain to tide over this most trying period - a week of reaction following excessive Christmas hilarity.

I doubt if you can realize the enthusiastic reception which was given your photographs. Mattie went off into ecstasies over the one of yourself declaring it to be a most capital likeness - I fancy she quite prides herself upon

Knowing the Deans personally an  
advantage over the rest of us not  
to be gainsaid. The Rhododendron  
under a large lens is wonderfully  
beautiful. The leathery texture and  
gloss of the leaves and even the  
waxy consistency of the flowers are  
brought out admirably. It is only  
by outlines that I should ever recognise  
this as the original of the cut which  
appeared in The Garden. At present  
~~they~~<sup>the two</sup> occupy a place on the mantle  
shelf - but by & by I shall get them  
into my room. And by the way you  
would laugh to see my study in  
its present condition - I must premise  
that when the house was planned Mrs  
B. and myself were agreed that it would  
be a cozy, nice arrangement all 'round  
to have my room open out of the  
family sitting-room. The practical  
outcome of this has been that upon  
occasions of emergency the study is  
made a mighty convenient place

to toss rubbish and shut the door  
upon it - Just now the floor is  
literally covered with litter - manilla  
wrapping paper - thrown hastily out  
and thrown down in a tangle / Oh  
how sadly good Miss Edgeworths lesson  
in "Waste not want not" is forgotten  
nowadays - / Boxes of all sorts and  
sizes - made of tissue paper - and in  
the midst of all the frame-work  
of a puppet show! In all candour  
I must add that when I do take  
possession of my domain and  
turn it to legitimate use my  
exclusive right therein is respected  
to an extent almost laughable - and  
furthermore that in the present  
instance of converting it into a  
convenient catch-all I myself  
have been chief offender.

If it were not that I have  
so many old scores to clear off - and  
can not altogether depend upon myself



to carry out good intentions I should  
write to Dr. Sandberg and propose a  
little exchange - When I know of  
any one who really appreciates a  
good specimen I am always glad  
to share what I have - even regardless  
of the good pros & cons. - During the years  
that my herbarium of Gray Man. Plants  
was in process of formation Oh what  
a number of first class collectors  
there were. Then came a reaction -  
The ones that followed were bound I  
suppose that their work should not  
be recognized as that of "a mere collector".  
A few attempts at exchange with these  
makers, "bald head" satisfied me and  
I quit. - I hope that one Walter Seale  
is the forerunner of another group  
of good field botanists - and I should  
like to come down like a Rip Van  
Winkle among them - For to be  
honest what little so called original  
work I have ever done in botany has  
been the result of extraneous  
pushing - what I really enjoy is  
collecting, and my herbarium. Wm

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Dec 31 1891

My dear Mr Deane :-

I must have my  
report on Mr Smith's Guatemalan  
Willows in his hands by the  
13<sup>th</sup> I do not know how it is  
a matter of much consequence  
any way whether Pursh intended  
the identity the ardean plant  
with S. falcata, Pursh, or not. Still  
I would like to ~~know~~ be informed  
on this point before writing to  
Mr S. If you can make it  
convenient to consult the library  
at the Gray Herb on this matter  
and write to me so that I may  
have your letter not later than  
say Saturday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> I would be

much obliged - the reference is  
to H. B. & K. Nova Gen. et spec. 2, p. 23  
a few hours with a cup of hot water  
and the lens - mainly I imagine  
to justify a decision already  
reached but need subject to  
correction - is all that remains  
for me to do, in the way of  
study.

I have been dusting some  
duplicate bundles and a thin  
little packet for W. D. is  
growing up. - Incidentally, I had  
occasion to examine more closely  
than I have done heretofore the  
Curios of the Ham. new ed. - I was  
greatly surprised to find how few  
desiderata I had to record, only one  
species (*C. ptychocarpa*) - a few of the  
new varieties - and two hybrids.

Twenty years ago - or such a matter -  
I enjoyed a liberal exchange

it is there for all fortune cases  
students to puzzle over, and each  
have his individual opinion  
concerning its character.

I believe that I have  
obeyed your injunction and  
"kept on till I have nothing  
more to say."

Cordially

Yours

P.S. I open my letter to ask<sup>?</sup> you  
an additional favor. In D. C. Vol 16?  
199 Alph D.C. adds in a footnote the name  
S. Humboldtiana "nomine Chilensis Molinae  
vetustius idcirco admitterendum" - It is  
scarcely the case that D.C., as editor, goes out  
of his way to criticize the work of a  
contributor unless there is good reason for  
so doing. Will <sup>you</sup> therefore consult the reference  
given to Molina (hist. nat. Chili p 140), and  
copy for me the description &c of S. Chilensis  
also date of publication of this and of  
S. Humboldtiana Kuntz respectively

with a number of the most active  
and sharp-sighted Carey-collectors  
that we have ever had. (Short,  
Sartwell, Mead, Hall, Conly, Porter,  
Varey, Hale, Parker, are name thus  
occur to me as I write) and although  
the method in arrangement  
~~however~~ may change, the material  
remains, to exemplify whatever  
treatment is may receive at  
the hands of different authors.  
That is just how it is with  
my poor little painting, C. Bebbii.  
Once recognized it is too good  
to throw away - yet scarcely good  
enough to keep - and so it will  
be cuffed about as C. mirabilis.  
Dew has been. Bailey was quite  
sure it was not anything at first  
but now he has given it good good  
type. - and who knows but someday  
it may be numbered. At any rate

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill 2  
Jan 4 /91

My dear Mr Deane:-

I wonder if this  
will follow my letter of yesterday  
close enough to reach your hands  
before you go up to the Gray Library  
to look up S. falcata Kunth. If it  
does will you please give me also  
a Transcription of S. oxyphylla Kunth  
H.B.K. Nov Gen 4. 2 p 24. if it does not  
do not make a second trip - the  
matter is not of sufficient importance.  
You see I have not yet really  
tackled the Guatemalan Willows in  
earnest yet can not help nibbling  
around the edges. I will be dozing  
over the fire - just getting ready  
apparently to say good night to the  
family, when all at once a fresh

idea will strike me and I start off  
to look that up instead. The fact is  
of late years I have learned to  
be cautious - to make some determi-  
nation in a tentative way and  
then come up to it from another side  
and see if it will bear criticism -

Arthur went up to Lancaster last  
the day after Christmas to spend a  
week at a farm house - situated not  
far inland from our cottage. He returned  
yesterday, reporting a splendid time  
skating - fishing for pickerel through the  
ice - &c. - and he came home loaded  
down with good things our country friends  
had given him - or sent to the rest of us.  
3 fine bro Black Hamburg hens for his  
poultry yard - 3 plump young fowls dressed  
- a sack of fine buckwheat!!! - about a  
peck of popcorn - 2 doz fresh eggs &c -

Please do not be at any extra  
trouble on account of P. oxyphylla  
if this reaches you too late -

As ever

Cordially yours  
Dr. W. B. B.

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1951

My dear Mr. Greene:

What a generous, patient  
soul to greet my third letter with  
a "Ho ha" - Well I am thrupke with  
*A. Humboldtiana falcata* - very pretty &  
so you are sure of a rest. Thanks  
for all your kindness which I fully  
appreciate - What a bother I must  
over a little matter any way. Never  
learned to learn something myself  
and only the remaining fraction to  
teach others. Now I must give a  
day or two to non-botanical affairs  
and then the next thing is to  
write labels and send off a small  
contribution to the "Herbarium of Western  
Illinois" - Specimens mostly old and faded  
but I trust not commonplace. They  
were firstwaters, some of them, once upon



a time - and I have some the case  
less for brighter colors than I once did  
seeing all will fade more or less after  
years of keeping - Nevertheless a good  
specimen, such as Prof. that was worst  
to make is always good.

In the early part of this winter I  
was putting in some extra jeans covers  
&c and reversing more or less - with the  
usual result of discarding useless material.  
This is something that Don't bother you now  
and perhaps you think is never well - but just  
wait till the West of N. D. is thirty years old  
and see! When I was a boy we used to  
give each other a problem like this. If a  
frog in a well climbs up ~~the~~ <sup>one</sup> foot every  
night and falls back two feet every day how  
long will it take him to get out. - That  
is the "polite principal" in which my  
barbarism is growing at the present time.

When next a Potomac friend finds  
with you - please present my most cordial  
regards - and say that I wish I could be  
there also - Been so long since I've seen a  
Potomac more forgotten how they look  
came to think Farwell was the last - and he  
wasn't a beauty -  
Yours ever - Bob

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1911

My dear Mr Deane:-

In returning, to  
Mr Rand his 1890 Coll of *McDermott*  
*Salices* (a bulky bundle) I have  
taken the liberty, to include a  
small package directed to yourself  
which he will forward. In it  
I hope you may find a few things  
which will pass muster for a  
place in that "finest show on  
earth" of fraying Man. plants. Some  
of your desiderata among the  
*Salices* which I might have  
supplied in poor specimens I passed  
by hoping, to send you better of  
my own collecting, next year - I  
am very well satisfied to think  
that I can send two species new

to your herbarium - That is if your  
Minneapolis friend has not anticipated  
me - viz Eupatorium molle and  
Ranunculus thamnobates -

Some of the Willows are from  
beyond your limit - but I believe  
you once made an exception of  
Salix and Carex in this regard -  
The specimens are choice ones - You  
must be surprised to see the amount  
of rubbishy specimens of Salix that  
I receive - Every once in a while some  
generous soul writes me that he has  
sent me his "entire stock of duplicates"  
and just when I am counting up ~~up~~  
how I am ever to discharge such  
obligations - The stuff comes and proves  
to be all the old culls and odds and  
ends of long accumulation which the  
possessor could do nothing with, Perhaps  
in the long run I have learned  
something about American Willows  
overhauling such miscellaneas

material and occasionally I have  
come across something of more  
value than the donor intended to  
send, so I am not altogether disappointed.  
- *Salix nigra* "in all its forms" is on  
your list. Do you know that common  
as this Willow is. it is very shabbily  
represented in herbaria - my own  
no exception - nor Gray herb. either!  
I realized this when I wanted good &  
ample material for comparison with  
J. D. Smith's *Excelsior* & *laevigata* leaves  
& of pith. It is all flowers & fruit  
and no good mature leaves. Next season  
I intend to go for nigra - in good  
flower & fruit - but above all in good  
big, generous leaf specimens. These will  
cover a sheet and show for what they  
are. I am not sure but I will cut out  
the size of the earlier taken fl & fr  
specimens - in anticipation of space

required for leaves.

I am curious to know what  
your opinion will be concerning ~~the~~<sup>my</sup>  
*Aster junceus*? so called. It is  
certainly very like the old *A. aestivus*  
of my herbarium in cases where I  
believe my correspondent got their  
name from D Gray. It is ~~extremely~~  
either this or the slender form of with  
linear leaves of *A. paniculatus* -  
mentioned by D Gray in the Synops H.

I write in haste and under  
pressure - with a feeling all the  
time that I am leaving unsaid  
the thing which I ought to say.

Yours as ever  
W. S. Bell

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1891

My dear Mr Deane:-

I am glad you are  
pleased with the plants I sent  
you. Now I have given you a list  
of desiderata that you could  
let me look over under promise  
to return immediately - I doubt  
if it would pay to make out  
a list for my exclusive use  
but if you have anything that  
I could run my eye over and  
perhaps see here and there  
something of which you might  
want more or better specimens  
it would give me an opportunity  
to testify, in other than mere  
words, my appreciation of your  
many helpful services.

Porter and Carby were among my  
very earliest correspondents. But I  
had not heard from either of late  
years - We each got perhaps all that  
the other had to impart - and so our  
correspondence and exchange of  
specimens had ceased altogether - In  
late years I felt easy in my mind - for  
I had sent the last parcel - I read your  
letter one day and the next rec'd one  
from Porter beginning, "I have long  
carried a burden of curious indebtedness  
that I never made an adequate return for  
the '40 & 40 - and then following "I have  
put together a small parcel for you  
which I send by mail to-day" - I was  
rather glad - over and above any  
pleasure that the specimens gave me  
for I did not like to think that  
my old friends counted me "a  
back number"

Britton reports in the Geochæa as  
follows - "The Geochæa is S. stricta  
Leggett, n. sp., a clear species for

which there may be an old ~~the~~ Papineau  
esquian name but so far I have  
been unable to place it in his  
"Monograph"

The electric car lines have been  
extended in several directions, one or  
two miles beyond the city limits  
(mainly to boom suburban lots)  
and will afford me facilities  
in reaching some very desirable  
botanizing ground - which last  
summer were beyond my walking  
ability. - One is the hills above the  
city on the bank of Rock River  
which last summer I could only  
visit twice - Now I can go to  
within a mile by the cars - The  
other is one upon which I am  
counting greatly - viz the right of  
way of the Chicago & Northwestern R.R.  
which was secured in thirty years



ago and has of course never  
been cultivated or pastured since  
. All I have to dread is that Blue-  
grass will have spread in from the  
farms along side and smothered out  
most of the indigenous vegetation -

Yours cordially  
O. S. Zipp

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Feb 27/91

My dear Mr Deane:—

This winter I am  
cultivating as a specialty habits  
of promptitude and dispatch. If  
I ever do get caught up I wonder  
what I will do next! Your letter  
and list of desiderata was handed  
me by the carrier just before dinner—  
letter read—list revised and hopeful  
cases "made note of"—folded—placed  
in return envelope—presented!

With parcels in hand from Caryl  
Porter—"Washington"—I do not wonder  
that you find your ~~box~~ <sup>box</sup> overflowing.  
mounting box filling up faster than  
you can get time to empty it—  
Oh by the way if an old dog really  
and truly can't learn new tricks  
then I'm not an old dog! There!!  
I've learned from Walter Deane

to do my mounting in the evening,  
and ~~lay down to sleep~~ <sup>settling down to it</sup> lights. Found it  
mighty easy too. It is just barely  
possible that a reversal of the  
process - viz. if I had been used to  
settling down and taking it easy  
to learn to stand up and work like  
a mailer - might not at the present  
day and date have been quite so  
acceptable - I got some plants from  
Porter one P.M. poisoned them that evening  
dressed in sheet next morning - mounted  
dressed evening - distributed next morning,  
Presto. next! - Well next was some  
British Columbian Salix Coll Macoun,  
that required study - and Alack the study  
ended in my having the knock a species  
of my own making in the head. dreadful  
sorry. But science is science -

The only wonder to me is that  
when Walter Deane took that leap  
at the bottom of the page he didn't  
gly like a streak leaving, only his  
legs to mark the place of disappearance  
at the top - When you have time tell  
me about the Washington exchange - If you  
think that your Mississippi friend would

like a few dollars from me

will give me his address  
Cordially  
write to him  
make

926 Grand Ave

Rockford Ills

Dear

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 91

Mr, dear Mr Both-

Your Desiderata List  
did indeed have a narrow escape!  
I recall now my having thought at  
the time that it would be well to  
pass a tape around the envelope.  
Mell's experience has not been high  
in her charges for tuition this time  
and I shall know better hereafter.  
I imagine that Synthyris Doughtoniana  
is left in the list as one of the  
things of which you want "more or  
better" - It is an ~~any~~ easy thing to  
collect in bad shape and spoil  
in drying - I am sure I can  
get this for you as it grows on  
the bank of Leander Dale Lake - by the  
pathway leading down to our landing!

I wrote those notes for talk. Had the thought entering my head of your folding, and pocketing most of them I should have been scared off and never written at all - "in ink" or pencil.

Our superb weather continues. I notice a group of little girls on the sidewalk skipping rope and just beyond some boys playing peg top - Evidently they are persuaded that the season has come round for such sports. No snow - (we have had no sleeping this winter -) clear frosty nights - mild, sunny days - little wind - no fog, no rain.

We had the most fun out of Bonamine at the stock - though your picture has been duly tested - You must know that our boys were born on a Western cattle farm - and when an advertisement appeared representing the milking of a steer, and on the wrong side at that - it just doubled

them all up! - The Bozian people  
evidently were not left long in  
ignorance of the absurdity of their  
picture and it was replaced by one  
not open to criticism

Although I have done more  
work in a botanical way this  
winter than I have been able to  
accomplish in several seasons  
past - it has been after all a "stern  
chance" clean through, I will not say  
more than barely catch up by the  
time I shall want to go out into  
the garden and fields - One consolation  
if the angels in the highest  
Heavens of the Swedenborgian faith  
delight in uses - then I have  
been "serving the Lord" - for I have  
given a good many days - to the  
pleasure of helping others - whom  
as many as I have expected of

you!

I will not write to Dr. Landberg  
until I am sure that I shall have  
the time and space to do something  
more than write

What do you think of the  
January Gazette. John Donnell  
Smith's paper is beyond question  
a solid contribution to botanical  
science - but is it just the proper  
thing to devote so many pages of  
a periodical sustained by popular  
subscriptions to such a matter. That  
however valuable it may be (and  
in the Proceedings of some Academy or other  
body need question its value) is the  
or small a number ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> either interesting  
~~or~~ <sup>or</sup> instructive? As for Hypophonyctes  
I did not even cut the pages. It is all  
right no doubt only I don't vote on  
Hypophonyctes as some folks do! And  
is it "news" to tell us that "Thomas  
Manning has returned from his D. A. Trip"  
&c. - The fact is - for the last three or  
four months I have found little in the  
Gazette to repay the outlay of \$2.50  
Cordially Belk

526 Grand Ave  
Rochester N.Y.  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 79

My dear Mr Deane:-

Your name so often sent  
me interesting letters from our  
good friend Mary. I take  
pleasure in reciprocating. - After  
your trips up to the Harvard  
Library in my behalf you will  
appreciate what is said about  
Molinus Salix Chileus - and then  
the closing paragraph evinces  
such a charming personality -

As we count you - all 'round  
a family friend I must  
communicate some family news.  
Aina is to be married the coming  
Spring or early summer to Mr Mason



Whom you may recall as the  
young gentleman who accompanied  
Mattie on her visit to your house  
last summer. We have every  
reason to feel satisfied that the  
young man is a clean, moral  
upright - manly fellow who will  
make our daughter a good husband.  
He was graduated at Brown in the  
class of '87 and has since worked  
his way into a position with  
Mason, Chapin & Co which enables him  
to feel abundantly able to main-  
tain a home of his own -

I am just sending a request to  
Barnes for the Gazette about mounting  
plants and advising him to call on  
you for next

Cordially as ever  
Beth -

926 Grant Ave  
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Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1911

My dear Mr Deane:—

As our minds ran along the same lines in the determination of Artemis juncea. first taking the plants on sight for a slender form of a paniculatus. and finally. after comparison with best specimens of Artemis juncea. setting aside the earlier impression. Your remark about my specimens branching rather more than those in best Gray I think I can account for. I imagine that I selected unconsciously such specimens because they looked prettier. had more flower heads to the square inch. I can get the other sort. and I am also very anxious to know what the Artemis was, growing near by, which I passed with a mere nod of recognition for one old friend. Paniculatus.

But I can not accept your reversal of my determination of this

fiberrum - at least and much internally.  
I have seen lots of *V. pubescens* in  
N. Illinois and I once collected *V.*  
*dentatum* in S. Ills. Now unless my  
*V. dentatum* was an extreme form  
- and unless the line between *pubescens*  
and *dentatum* is drawn nearer the  
former than I have all along supposed  
then the Wisconsin plant is not *dentatum*  
- though admitted to be intermediate in  
character - Why? my *V. dentatum* has  
leaves twice or thrice as large - as broad  
as long - petioles  $\frac{3}{4}$  in long - secondary  
veins diverging regularly and leading  
out to a very sharply dentate margin  
and so on - I will get fruit - if possible  
next season - though I imagine that  
the character of the seed varies pro-  
gressu - with more tangible distinctions

You shall certainly have Asplenium  
Hamptonianum - And I forewarn you you  
will not feel like jumping over the  
moon when you come to see the  
specimens! It is a mean plant to  
dry - but I am glad to have something  
ahead as a clean addition to your

herbarium - Hope all the plants will not  
get scared off this time.

I have sent a little reminder to  
Prof Beal's Open Letter in The Gazette  
proposing a discussion of <sup>methods of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Barnes  
monition, &c and ~~just~~ <sup>just</sup> <sup>one</sup>  
one H.D. would be a good one to call upon  
next. The March No. is already made  
up - so my spirit is to come out in  
April - I have my old blunderbus  
loaded up to the muzzle with a charge  
to be fired off at "funding numbers" but  
as I myself have proposed opening the  
door - it will not do to follow this so  
too closely - will look too much as if I  
just was acting for a chance to strike  
in my own old gun and blaze away.  
Have also written out Willow Notes. II.  
has laid up the cool - preparatory to final  
revision - Nothing of general interest anyway  
I only wanted to go over my old work in  
the California Melms and correct some  
mistakes before someone else did it for  
me.  
As a lot of my thirty-year-old  
labels are still floating about the

Very the botanist of today - I should  
have used - if I thought about  
the matter at all. That they were all  
piled down or dumped into the  
trash basket years and years ago.  
It seemed at one time as if I were  
living all over the state of Ills. North,  
South and middle - I was a young fellow  
ready to copy new books - and the  
things to copy were not so numerous then  
as they are now. Prof C. W. Thack. simply stamps  
his labels C. W. Thack.  
Kentucky "C. W. Thack. Kentucky 18--" and  
I "followed" my leader. Then my  
stays at Washington - though in the end it  
proved to be one of several years now  
always just going to come to an end and  
I never acknowledged myself a resident  
- nor did I have any tickets printed for my  
Dist of Col. collections - as I ought to have  
done - and certainly would do in my present  
state of mind on the subject - So the  
Chrysogonum Virginianum was collected in the  
Dist of Col. by me "M. S. Bick" of "Illinois".  
The tickets ought to have been filled out like  
the enclosed -

I enjoyed the Ames Iowa Catalogue  
- Flora so nearly like our own here in Ills -  
Also Mechanisms of Chrysogonum - I have always  
thought of him as a man of genius - but have never  
before.

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March 14<sup>th</sup> /91

My dear Mr Deane:-

I will begin with  
your postcard and the Carey. It is  
said that to keep abreast of the times  
one must either get there himself or  
touch elbows with others who do. If I  
keep on corresponding, with you and  
getting a bundle of plants occasionally  
from Mr Faxon - as is has just been  
my happy fortune to do. I shall be  
posted by & by whether I will or no, on  
all the latest determinations. Now I  
really hadn't noticed that Carey granda  
was my old cephalopoda - and when  
I came to look things up in my  
herbarium. What do you suppose I  
found? A specimen - of Carey Cephalopoda  
labeled "Dewey in Boots" "Rocky Mountains  
- Dewey's own ticket! So either  
Dewey himself didn't know what  
he had named "in Boots" or

Bailey is off. - I ~~thought~~ <sup>ought</sup> to say  
that the specimen so named is  
both in character and geographical position  
monocotyledonous gracilis. If ever  
living, at Fontenelle I sent you in  
you this, "root and all", with every  
assurance - for it did not die out of  
the meadows as some of the other  
stray seedlings did. - But here in town  
I can not feel so sure. However I will  
bear your request in mind. -

I dare say you will find that the  
dividing line between Viburnum dentatum  
and pubescens is drawn much nearer  
the latter than I have supposed. - If you  
look the matter up in the flora but,  
I shall be interested to have your final  
judgment. You may find three very  
obscure dentatum and if you do  
will know how to make allowance  
for my opinion.

Will. I rather guess - to give the  
vacuum thin, its due - that Syntherisma is  
not quite so bad as legumaria. The seed  
pods do not so seriously interfere with  
pressing the leaves. but the ~~the~~ final  
color is pretty much the same.

I send to Barnes and withdrawn

a very foolish "Open Letter" and  
have substituted something a little  
better - I hope. At any rate the  
second attempt is in better taste  
- not hypercritical. and does not even  
pretend to smartness - all of which I  
very much fear I could not say of  
No 1. I have written the Barnes that  
if he will get something out of you  
for the May No I will follow in June  
with a protest against the use of  
"fudging numbers" which I really believe  
will be worth while if I can only give  
my thoughts adequate statements.

I shall have to write the Dr Dandridge  
now sure enough and send him a  
little package etc. This will defer a  
more pretentious sending till the close  
of next season -

Your criticism of some old  
labels reminds me of what Jas.  
M. Maccom once wrote me about  
the localities given in The Flora  
Boreali-Americana. I wish I could



recall some of the most amusing -  
and they ran something like this  
"Between York factory and Assiniboine"  
or "Between Lake Winnipeg and Grand Beach  
Lake." - At any rate covering reaches  
of thousands of miles -

I have just been working  
up a hybrid among the Rocky Mtn  
Alpine Willows - and it proves very also  
interesting. Have just been making  
a drawing of <sup>it</sup> ~~three~~ the natural size (to  
admit of a reduction of 50% in photograph)  
- a first attempt and more satisfactory  
than I expected it would be. In fact  
my little Willow looks so fine  
"soit large" I almost wish it was as  
big as the picture.

I wish I had 28 new pagin  
holes to spread out in - only I prefer  
5 in high for a private collection -

This is not much of a letter but it  
will give me excuse for beginning,  
by and by to look for one from you  
which I may as well confess is  
largely my notion in writing - Cordially  
Bobb

926 Grant Ave  
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April 15/91

My dear Mr Deane :-

About a month ago I came out from my study, - closing the door behind me with the feeling that pretty much everything that I had set out to do through the winter had been done - for a wonder - and as it was nearing the time for spring operations in the garden I would not make any fresh beginnings in botanical work - By some mysterious coincidence my friends all dropped me completely at the same time - so that I did not receive a single letter to tempt me back - I said to myself Deane is busy - as the time for Easter examinations approaches - by & by when he has his vacation I will surely hear from him - but vacation time came and passed by and still no letter - then I

game up - accepted the conditions as  
final - and took to digging in the  
dirt for consolation.

But I absolve you - If I  
could take such a splendid trip  
relieved from sordid pecuniary thoughts  
wouldn't I forget all about better  
mating for a time! What a lot of  
real, live botanists you met - and  
how inspiring the experience must  
have been - 'Why! I have not seen  
one - not a single one - in a whole  
year!' Do you wonder that I let go  
my hood once in a while and take  
to activities wherein I can find  
a kindly and loving sympathy in  
those about me - No. That does not  
just express what I wished to say,  
- rather wherein I can give a  
cordial sympathy - join with others  
in something, that we can all  
work together in

After our exceptionally mild

winter March proved as a very disagreeable and gloomy month - the sun scarcely showed his face from beginning the end - a long, dreary succession of cloudy days that has told fearfully on the vitality of the weak and aged. The half of April gone has not been much of an improvement - but we try to console ourselves with the reflection that when warm sunny weather does come - it will be with a bound - and we will go right out of winter into summer - as in fact we usually do here in N. Ells -

Arias wedding - about which you inquire - is set for June 10<sup>th</sup> I believe - I do not like to think of her going away from her old home - but then it is in the

order of Nature and I must  
accept the inevitable; We will all  
miss her very much - Our home life  
has been a kind of prolonged *vicie*.  
We have not had enough money for each  
to be able to go their own way quite  
independent of the rest - so that out of  
one very deprivation has grown up a  
habit of mutual dependence - that has  
drawn us all into a very close  
family sympathy. Partly through choice.  
Partly from circumstances beyond my  
control I have - for an American  
father at least - been able to make  
comparisons of my children to an  
extent <sup>rarely</sup>, which surpassed the parents at the  
present day - and I feel all the more  
the withdrawal of one - only hoping that  
her loyalty to the old home will be  
equally shown in the new - and find  
as loving appreciation -

Yours cordially  
Wm. L. Lath

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Mar, 30<sup>th</sup> 191

My dear Mr Deane :-

I am a poor correspondent in summer time for a fact! - Intelligence at all seasons - inevitably degenerates into sheer incompetence when warm weather comes. It is not that I care less for the expression of kindly sympathies with those endeared through ties of family or of friendship - but simply that I suffer the poor up an insuperable aversion to the use of pen and paper - trusting the while that love will bear the strain -  
I promise myself to turn over

a new leaf when we get up to  
the lakes and then I will write  
you a long letter about my  
way of doing things, about which  
you have made flattering  
inquiries in your last two letters -  
Neither wife nor I have had  
much plus energy this spring -  
Both of us have suffered from  
a recurrence of something like  
Loco grippe - and with numerous  
demands upon all our energies  
of both head and heart - there has  
been only a feeble life stream  
into the daily ~~tasks~~ tasks of  
involved in keeping the house  
going - Truly, thus it is to be  
an old story and every body detests  
whining I should write myself  
down as half-sick - This only as  
an excuse for delay - Your letters still  
remain "unanswered" - Cordially Both

Lawrence P.O.  
Walworth Co, Wis.

July, 8<sup>th</sup> 79.

My dear Mr Deane:-

It matters little where I begin so I do not begin with excuses! Let it be at Annas Wedding. As I took little part in planning this I can say in all modesty that it was an almost ideal occasion of the kind. Only the nearest relatives and most intimate friends of the family were present so that even our small rooms were not overcrowded. How I wish you and Mrs Deane could have been with us. If we know people by the company they keep, to have met us at this time in the circle gathered about would have been a sort of concentrated illustration of our family character. Mattie and I had



planned some simple floral  
decorations but the dew was not  
dry on the grass when a few  
kind friends came in - and in  
a most unexpected and lavish  
array heaped up flowers every where.  
The wedding was at noon - but the  
company remained until Maria  
left at half past two and in all  
that time there was not the  
suspicion of any flapping in social  
consequence. There were enough young  
people present to carry things right  
along even if Dr Kerr and a few  
old codgers like myself did get into  
a corner to discuss pedology -  
the school question - our present City  
government (which is nothing to brag  
of) &c - There was happily no chance  
for this sort of thing to spread. Even  
the ceremony was a surprise -  
Something our good friend Dr R. picked  
up in Europe two years ago and had  
never used but once before - a happy  
retention of the old rhetoric

with much touching closely the  
thought of the day which came  
in, suddenly but like a flash of  
light thrown over the new things  
imported by modern life. - There was  
a column in the station, but the  
train there, and the company was  
served by those of various nations  
accustomed to your people. Their  
own eyes. It was all simple, and  
unfettered and free like the  
you are now when they are the  
the same people and the same  
happiness and happiness, and the  
spirit in which they are done. To  
have the affairs arranged, and so

I balance accounts with Rhode Island!  
I hope you may meet Nina soon -  
She is the girl that used to keep  
my letters in order for me - and  
has filed away too many signed  
M. D. - as well as shared too fully  
in the family larking for the

written not to wish very much  
to meet you.

After the reading, we all said  
encouragingly one to another  
now for the lakes. There's the place  
to rest! - just hold on for a  
few days longer and then we  
can drop everything. At the last  
they were packed that was to go to  
Providence and the last trunk that  
was to go to the lakes and at  
last we were off. Relief was to be  
immediate with the first sniff  
of cool breezes coming in from  
off the water. Alas for my tired wife  
and poor Mattie those trunks were  
not unpacked when we had  
company come in till we had  
them at table, and so was partly our  
own fault. Last summer we had  
invited friends for a specific  
time and they had been by  
some untoward circumstances prevented  
from coming at that time - when we  
were a flock of hospitality had said

Let me give you a bunch - even if  
it is a cold one" But they declined  
remarking with what struck me at  
the time as very good sense that  
it was enough to suit us and at  
eleven o'clock and if we could just  
give them a place to sleep they would  
be all right - After our job back to  
our own private work in the cottage  
my wife whispered "I faintly trembled  
in my shoes when you began to  
talk about lunch - I intended to  
bake biscuits for breakfast and  
to bake in the morning but there  
isn't a slice of bread in the house!"

How many miles does Mrs Deane  
make for a starter, I am almost  
as good-for-nothing as I was this  
time last year but hope to  
repeat the picking up experience  
Young Macdon has been appointed  
secretary to the Commission, this is the  
report on the Seal Fishery business in  
Behring Sea and notes "others our story, at my  
place as short my intention is to confuse  
me, say the the collecting of Williams, Cairnes and  
Corythians - You will hear from me soon after  
my return" News etc. - And still your  
inquiries go over the next time

Belknap  
Amey

Oh never mind - you must come  
next summer - sometime that  
will suit your convenience" and  
they took us at our word. and as  
it suited their convenience to be  
out of the city they came on the  
fourth. or rather so as to include  
that day in their visit. If they  
had only given us a few days to  
catch our breath first! for they  
were really people whom we wished  
to have with us. whose company  
we might and would have really  
enjoyed only we were all so tired  
out. Well there was nothing to do  
but to brace up and postpone that  
happy telling of things for  
still another week ahead.

We have hair-breadth escapes  
in the matter of supplies sometimes.  
Two of our friends came in upon  
us after we were all in bed and  
asleep. I exclaimed "You must be  
tired and hungry after your ride

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Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

Dear friend Deane: -

We were sitting out under  
the trees, only a few days before we  
left the lakes when Statie burst  
out with the exclamation - "Father! I  
wish you could meet Mr Deane. You  
would like him. Every body likes him.  
It would just do you lots of good!"  
All of which I don't mind. The  
problem for me to solve just at  
present is. why have I not picked  
up any end of a correspondence  
which would at least have wafted  
over to me a little of that "good"  
which the fates have thus far  
withheld in "lots" - I can not  
accept your explanation that I have  
been "loving in that comfortable  
family boat quite oblivious of  
mundane things" - I thought of

for time and again - my thoughts  
coming not altogether as hazy - ill  
defined sense - but taking definite  
form as if for some purpose.  
I knew what I ought to do - and what I  
really in some sense wanted to do -  
and I did it - I gave up writing  
altogether - except a forced business  
letter - or a few pages - like the  
one of the absent children - Possibly, as far  
as botanical correspondence is concerned -  
there may have been a motive at  
bottom not altogether discreditable -  
You can not realize what a disaster  
I have become - there is nothing of  
the botanist left in me except a certain  
ability to appreciate work done by others -  
I have not collected a single specimen -  
- nor made a single observation - I have  
studied nothing - laid out no lines for  
future activity - planned no work for  
the coming winter and am conscious  
that there is the suggestion of sheer  
fraud in attempting to hold a  
position on the score of past achievement  
(if indeed there is anything of that

worth mentioning) when I am doing  
nothing to make good my claim  
to recognition as a fellow worker  
- in human nature and obscure a  
field - To tell the truth - my good  
friend - I am kind of stunned and  
half senseless - I am not very strong  
and the year has been a trying  
one - While we were at the lakes there  
came a hurried letter from my  
eldest son. That a place had been  
made vacant in his business and  
wishing to know if Arthur would like  
to take <sup>it</sup> - "reply by telegraph and come  
as soon as possible" - It was a very  
promising opening for the young man  
and after a family council it was  
thought best that he should accept  
the place offered. It meant one more  
day at Landerdale for the boy - then  
a day in Rockford with his mother  
to pack up and then off to Chicago -  
And so goes another - the third child



to leave the parental roof within the  
year - And it means much to me -  
- Arthur has grown up from - boyhood to  
young manhood during years when I  
have been far from home and I  
had come to depend much upon his  
ever willing helpfulness - and cheerful  
spirit - In many ways he had growth,  
taken upon himself cares and duties  
unusual for a boy of his years and  
I feel lost without him - The whole  
home life has to be readjusted -

Now all this is my apology for not  
writing - and this letter in itself - (four  
pages as thickly strewn with "I"s as  
Darwin acknowledged our "damnable"  
manuscript in the Introduction to the  
Origin of species) is sufficient proof  
that it was in the exercise of a  
wise discretion that I did not reflect  
upon my friends a multitude  
of like sort,

Yours ever  
Wm. Lill

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Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1911

My dear Mr Deane,

I have never yet told you  
how I put down tickets in my sub.  
As an illustration of how one naturally  
some persons will adopt some entirely new  
of doing a thing and stick to it through a  
life time. although no person before this  
has ever done the same and no person  
following is now likely to repeat the process  
the account may amuse you. I want  
you before hand so that you may not  
expect something very commendable and  
find only a ridiculous quirk noted.  
You see it was a kind of evolution. the  
process was. I was living in an Illinois  
prairie and left a good deal to my  
own resources. I first tried the common  
Tajacani way as practiced at Andover  
but didn't like the curling up of the  
sheets. Then I tried fastening the corners  
but found that, in handling, the sheets  
caught in or under the labels and tore  
them loose. Next came fastening the  
entire upper edge leaving the rest of  
the label bare as recommended by Par.

an excellent way. 1st backing - in mortars  
and a look of perfect security - Up to this  
time I had been using formalin  
water - thick - and still found enough to  
work with a small brush. The next  
step with a few experiments - this way and  
this - led to the adoption absolutely of my  
present method and this I have steadily  
adhered to for more than twenty four  
years. Specimens &c are arranged in the  
sheet before placing so that there may be  
no mistake in spacing. Specimens, labels,  
brackets &c. All the labels are left lying on  
the sheet loose till the entire specimen process  
is through with - I then lay before me  
a pile of the mounted sheets and proceed  
to attach the labels - At my right hand  
is placed a tablet of wenge wood - (a  
plate turned up side down is just as good)  
I take from a wide-mouthed vial about half  
a teaspoonful of gum-arabic as thick as  
honey (Deming's gum very slightly thinned) in  
such as find if not better any place is  
on the tablet or plate - Lying on the plate  
is a stick of elastic wood  $\frac{1}{4}$  in square at  
this handle-end (so the spoke) not shaved  
down thin like a spatula at the other  
- With this I draw off to one side a portion  
of the gum and rubbing it around on  
the tablet get a thin smearing or film



If too thick or many dry before you get the label on - Having attached the label on occasion the necessary staying strips to the fruit & in pockets - and in general to have a nice time making, the acquaintance of the new corner before he goes to place in the bush, whence I may not find him again in years -

I never tried to do any thing, my lamp-lighter till I learned the trick from you - It was formerly my wont to glue during the day and attach labels &c during the evening - The work can be better done at night I fancy, for by holding the book between you and the light the thin edge of your listers and you can see just what you are doing - It must be much easier to show you than attempt to explain. And what I have said will be enough to convince you that you can find, for your purpose - some better way -

You once asked me something about the use of two wires to suspend the brush over the glue pot - but I find they were only desirable where glue was used hot. In many Dennisons from I have taken the your method,

Cordially - as ever

Wm. L. Barr

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Rockford Ill  
Dec 27/91

My dear Mr Deane:-

It has been about  
the height of my ambition throughout  
~~the summer~~ - part to  
preserve a serene disposition and  
keep out from under the feet of  
busy people still having this  
worlds work to do. Nothing accom-  
plished botanically, absolutely nothing  
either afield or in the study -  
It was not wholly discreditable  
nor wholly selfish on my part  
- the refraining from any demon-  
stration of the vacuity of your  
whilom correspondent. Even were  
I had you asked me for one of  
my "old-time" stupid talks I might

have felt in a degree encouraged  
to believe that I could satisfy  
you on demand -

However I am mending -  
progressing - on the up grade - on  
what you will - I feel stronger  
and more ambitious than I have  
for months - I made out a list  
of things that had been neglected -  
and you may judge for yourself  
whether I feel plucky or not when  
I tell you that I deliberately chose  
the most disagreeable duties to  
perform first - and so worked  
up - and from the fact that I am  
now writing a letter to my good  
friend Deane you may safely  
conclude that with a comforting  
consciousness of having at last  
done the things which ought to

have been done (some of them months  
ago) I have worked my way  
up to the top -

I have furthermore a pleasant  
bit of Millar work in store for  
the leisure that comes to me  
after the holidays - nothing less  
than three collections from Alaska  
to work up - One from the Agricultural  
Dept Washington - One from Macom -  
the third from Miss Cooley, of Wellesley.  
The latter very interesting from the  
fact that it was made at 2,000 ft  
alt. and I may mention in passing  
shows our old friend Salix arctica  
Pallas so modified in consequence  
that it looks very much as if it  
would ultimately be shown to connect  
with forms of the Cascades and  
Rocky Mts which have heretofore  
been referred to O. Brownii Beck

(= *S. arctica* R. Br. not of Pallas). - If the two should have to be united after all it would entangle for good the synonymy - only the species of Pallas (the big leaved thing of the Alaskan coast) would stand for the type and not the arctica of R. Br.

Had was a sort of "business" letter I wrote Dr Watson. He wanted to know something about the root of Parthenium integrifolium and I was obliged to confess that I never had seen it -

- that I had not seen Parthenium growing anywhere since I left Fountainebleau - ten or twelve years ago - and that prior to that period when I did do some collecting I had not the benefit of one Walter Dennis stimulating example - By the way did the joke ever get round to you, I wonder, that after your return from Washington - hilarious over your records and extensive acquisition of desiderata you wrote to Huxon about some New England artus



adding "you need not be particular about the roots" - Some apprehensions had been entertained before that your head was a little turned but this was taken as evidence conclusive!!

Yes! I did let Synthyris give me the slip - I find that July and August is too late for it - I must get it about here - Such a drought as we had last summer! Everything was burned up - I did look at some miserable plants - quite leafless - That grew near our Cottage and was reminded of my promise - and if I had had my note about one I might at least have sent you the roots - But as it was I let the whole business go

I am glad to receive such a

good report as to Mrs Deane's health.  
Perhaps I could give her some  
hints on the avoidance of  
overdoing - more particularly in  
the matter of letter writing, but  
am apprehensive that my advice  
might not be regarded as  
furnishing a good working method  
in the conduct of life -

My warmest regards to you  
both and believe me - whether  
I write or do not. That I am  
Ever your sincere friend  
Wm. L. G. L.

## DEATH OF MRS. WM. BEBB.

SUCCUMBED TO THE GRIP AT A  
RIPE OLD AGE.

She Was the Wife of Ex-Gov. Wm. Bebb and a Resident of This County for Over 40 Years—A Charitable, Kindly Woman Beloved By All.

Sarah, wife of ex-Governor William Bebb, died at 5:30 Sunday morning, at her home at 530 North Main street, aged 88 years.

The dead woman had been ill for less than a week. Two weeks ago Sunday she observed her 88th birthday, a number of relatives being present. She then seemed to be in the enjoyment of excellent health. Thursday last she was prostrated with an attack of grip, which, at her advanced age, she was unable to combat. It was a consolation to the friends, however, that she passed quietly into the sleep of death and retained her faculties to the last.

The dead woman was born in Butler county, Ohio. Her husband was a successful lawyer and became prominent in politics. In early days he was a whig, and in 1846 was nominated for governor on that ticket and elected by an overwhelming majority. At the close of his term he declined a renomination.

When the republican party was organized he embraced its principles. He was an earnest opponent of slavery, and in Lincoln's campaign stumped Illinois and Indiana.

They removed to this county in 1850, purchasing 5,000 acres of land in Seward and Byron and settling down to pioneer life. This was done because of a desire on the part of Mr. Bebb to lead a more retired life. He was not left entirely alone, however, for in 1852 he was chosen presidential elector on the Scott ticket. In 1869 he removed to Rockford.

Mrs. Bebb's maiden name was Sarah Shuck. She was a woman peculiarly devoted to her home, kindly, charitable and beloved of all who knew her. She was a member of the church of the Christian Union.

Two sons and two daughters survive. The sons are Prof. M. S. Bebb, Edward Bebb and Miss Mary Bebb, of this city, and Mrs. J. P. Reynolds, of Chicago. The latter's husband is director-in-chief of the Illinois commission of the World's fair.

On account of illness in the family, interment will be postponed for a time. There was a brief funeral service at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Dr. Kerr officiating, and the remains were placed in a receiving vault.

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 192

My dear friend Deane:

I was four days  
old on my mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
The Sunday after last Christmas  
she celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
- giving a dinner party to her  
children which she not only  
personally supervised but <sup>she even</sup> prepared  
with her own hand a part of the  
feast. She seemed to us all  
to be unusually vigorous both  
in mind and body, for one of  
her advanced years. As I went  
into the room to meet her I  
laughingly said - "Well, mother  
I imagine you did not feel much  
like having a birthday party of  
your own 58 years ago." She caught

the allusion quick as a flash -  
-No, said she - "I can not remember  
just what did happen exactly  
58 years ago but I remember  
very distinctly what happened four  
days before -" and then she gave  
me a circumstantial account of the  
home life on the day I was born -  
My father was at that time  
keeping a boys boarding school  
in the country - a school set down  
in the midst of social surroundings  
such as are well described by  
Eggleston in his Hoover School  
Master - After the excitement of  
this birth day gathering, of her  
children passed off mother seemed  
weaker than usual - but not more  
than we should expect as the  
natural reaction from the over-  
stimulating of both mind and body  
- The next Sunday she had a  
chill - pneumonia, as it turned  
out of an attack of Loe for

and last Sunday morning at  
5 A.M. she died - It was the closing  
of a long and useful life -  
indeed it was only four days preceding  
her death in which she ceased to  
be the helper of those about her  
and became herself helpless - Two  
traits in her character were so  
predominant as to be at once  
recognized by every one with whom  
she came into personal relations  
First an absolutely unswerving  
conscientiousness; second a wonderful  
placidity of demeanor! I never saw  
her hilarious - I never saw her  
prostrated - overcome - by grief and  
trouble. I can remember her  
distinctly since I was 6 or 7 years  
old - I think I could not have  
been more than barely in my  
teens when the question presented  
itself to my mind - which even at  
this late day - when the life is

close - and its long stretch lies  
before me in review - must still  
remain unmeasured. Was this  
strange evenness of temper the  
result of an obscure but nevertheless  
predominating will - or did it come from  
the absence of intense sensibility? -  
was it self control or the absence of  
passion? I was born and brought  
up under a rule happily unaltered  
in New England long before your  
day that magnified the distance  
between parents and children under  
the mistaken notion that such reserve  
promoted family discipline - Neither  
my mother nor myself ever overcame  
years of experience of this sort. Time  
and time again I have resolved  
that when some glad some occasion  
offered I would take my mother in  
my arms and sway her about  
the room as I would my wife and  
break into ~~shakes~~ Smithereens the  
miserable old decorum. But alas  
when the time came mine was

with the ruling spirit and I quietly  
departed myself as a good and  
respectful boy! The house on  
Main Street will not be "Grandmother"  
any more and I shall feel sad to  
drop out of life the morning call  
to see if anything was wanted from  
Iowa town -

It has been a year of  
unexpected vicissitudes to me -  
Irene and again I have congratulated  
myself thus as Antoninus says  
of his father "I loved to stay in  
the same places and to employ  
myself about the same things" but  
all this has been broken up and  
I have had head and hands full  
of first one thing and then  
another which forced upon me  
unusual activities -

I was glad to be remembered



at Christmas time and it was  
like you to send me the daily  
bulletins which Mr Watson's condition  
was such as to fill us all with  
grave anxiety - This is the  
first letter I have written, except  
to the absent children - in weeks  
I do hope before long - to get  
back where I can tell my  
good friends how much I  
appreciate their kindness instead  
of waiting to have them showered  
upon me - day after day - and  
gratitude taken on trust.

Ever faithfully  
Dr. S. Cobb

926 Grant - Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> / 92

My dear Mr Deane:—

I have just received the late edition of "Pattersons Check List of the Plants of North America"—very like the first only revised to date and with "finding numbers"—after Durand—added—What a discouraging publication it is—so big and ~~most~~ of us know so little! That it finds purchasers is evident from the exhaustion of the first edition but it seems to me I can count on my finger, the herbaria of the United States in which it would find practical and full use—Now that we have taken in the whole Continent I do

wish there might be a reaction  
toward the more painstaking study  
of local floras - When the first list  
of the plants of Frago Manual was  
published that was something that  
quite a lot of us could comprehend  
in the full sense of the word - And on  
the title page was printed "adapted for  
indicating desiderata in the exchange  
of specimens" That was what it was  
for and there was no hesitancy in  
saying so - Field botanists and collectors  
had not as yet been sneered out of  
existence or into some sort of shame  
faced covering up of the thing they  
really liked to do. - The plants of  
Chapman's Flora were soon added and  
then the prairie fire broke loose and  
swept over the whole country -

As for "finding numbers," in the  
average amateur herbarium. They  
are an abomination - a crutch  
to tempt the amateur aforesaid  
to sit himself down into a mere  
curator instead of being made a  
botanist of very necessity

Mattie has gone into Chicago  
to visit among relations. will  
~~probably~~ not return till the 18<sup>th</sup> of  
February. The house seems deserted  
without her presence - In fact  
during school hours wife and I  
are quite alone - and at breakfast  
and dinner there is only Mattie  
and Frank - Recalling the fact  
that at this time one year ago  
we had regularly at the family  
table eight persons you can get  
some idea of the change -

The weather with us - as you may  
have learned from the newspapers  
has been very steadily cold since  
New years days - All day long Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
it rained - with a slight snow fall  
toward evening - following which we  
had about a week of moderately cold  
weather - thermometer keeping pretty  
close about say 20° Fahrenheit

Then as the whole country north of  
us cooled down there was a drop to  
about zero - say -  $10^{\circ}$  at night and  
plus  $10^{\circ}$  in the middle of the day -  
Yesterday was slightly warmer but we  
are promised a return to the old figures  
by to night - A thin skin of ice  
not thicker than window glass which  
formed on the sidewalks on the night  
of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - has never melted. This  
fact - better than anything else  
indicates how steadily cold the  
weather has been -

I am intending to tackle the  
Willows this very week - A very  
empty hip-pocket has been entirely  
useless for a long time - I do not  
anticipate its filling now - but it  
may nevertheless -

If you have time tell me what  
interests you these days in botany -  
- how the herbarium grows &c &c -  
Kindest regards to Mrs Deane whom I  
hope may have long ere this recovered  
from her illness -

Ever sincerely

O. Zett

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Feb 3-792

My dear Mr Deane:-

I have been fussing  
over Willows - my usual winter  
occupation - and have really become  
quite enthusiastic. It began with  
work done in a perfecting way  
to discharge obligations to others -  
but in the prosecution of these  
certain fresh lines of investigation  
had to be followed up and these  
in the end led to a better under-  
standing of some old questions  
and aside as unanswerable. Finding  
my way clear I was in fine  
mood to go on and block out  
three or four batches of Willow  
notes for the Gazette - It is only  
in this way, now, that I can  
keep up the pleasant illusion  
that I still belong to the fraternity

of working botanists. I envy you  
your industry and vim - but after  
all this is only relative - Your  
Macoun writes that his "hours are  
from 8 A.M. till midnight with  
an hour off for luncheon and  
dinner" (presumably half an hour for  
each) I wrote him that he might  
work that way, in Germany but  
he had better stop right off or he  
would get a rap on the head to remind  
him that the string could not be  
done in this climate.

I wish I could share your  
hope and expectation that when  
Dr Watsons pulse "goes down he must  
improve rapidly" So many cases  
have come under my observation  
of grippa complicated with pneumonia  
in persons past middle life where  
recovery has been very slow - if  
indeed complete recovery is ever  
reached - that I dare not - in any  
case feel quite the degree of

assurance which I might have  
done before we came to the  
painful realization of the wreck  
and have both mental and  
physical, which the disease has  
left in its train. Of course there  
are exceptions - in fact no two cases  
seem to be alike and our good  
friend has on his side that  
soundness of mind and body due  
to temperate and healthful employ-  
ments which mind could hardly in  
his favor -

Yes! Dr Vandy's frames of the  
Penthouse is indeed fine - Do you  
know I could not help thinking as I  
looked at each species with its  
analysis of spicules and separate  
descriptions on the page facing the  
plate how nice it would be to take  
the whole book to pieces and distribute  
the illustrations in the herbarium -  
I am sure that is what I should



do if they were willows. As I wrote  
D. V. in acknowledging the receipt of  
the book it reminded me pleasantly  
of the first gun I ever received  
from a botanical friend - which  
was a package of grasses - sedges  
and Juncaceae - which the good Doctor  
sent me when he was living at  
Pineywood. (Mc Henry Co. - Northern Ills.)  
I had been doing just enough  
reminded and alone to fully  
appreciate the gift.

Mattie is still visiting in Chicago  
and the house is lonesome without  
her presence - Mrs B. and the two  
boys at home are very well and  
as for myself I haven't gone through  
a winter as far as February - for  
two years past feeling as strong  
and like doing things as I do  
now - With kind regards to Mrs Dean  
I am

Yours sincerely  
W. S. Barr

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Feb 24 /92

Dear Mr Deane:—

Wife and I have just been celebrating the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of our marriage - All the scattered members of the family that could do so returned to the old home and we have had a very happy family reunion - There was none who was not content with present achievement and hopeful for the future - all were in good health - no little cloud of anxiety not larger than a man's hand that might by sorrowful mischance spread and darken the whole horizon was to be discerned - and thus it came that good spirits were intensified by reverberation - We had all been anxious about Will - for after working his way faithfully to a remunerative position in a bank he had thrown

the whole thing, up because he  
found that he would never be  
content to make ~~as a~~ banking and  
brokerage a life-long work - just as  
he was in despair of finding a  
place - in fact not knowing just what  
place to seek - he received a most  
flattering offer of a position as  
assistant in the State Laboratory of  
Natural History under Prof Forbes - the  
work in Entomology - This suddenly  
turned what had all along been a  
recreation merely - into a bread and  
butter occupation - He is very happy  
and we all rejoice with him.

My worst fears are confirmed  
by your last letter concerning our  
good friend D Watson - but receiving  
no Bulletin from you since I  
construed into good news - so far as  
it leads to the hope that his condition  
is better - and perhaps more encouraging  
But as you say if he has done his  
last work who is there to take his  
place? I have just been re-reading  
Coulter's Address before Section F. A. N. H.  
- Do you like it - or does it with

When ever was systematic Botany  
a mere "juggle of names and  
sequence" - unless since Mac Millan  
and such fellows have turned back  
upon it and find delight in doing  
nothing but "juggle with names" - I have  
heard this charge over and over again -  
- it makes me sick at heart to have  
or find a man as Coulter reiterate  
it, - Not alone in the high places  
where it is not really intended to be  
believed but in the very humbler  
conceivable it is not true - and no-  
body knows this better than Coulter!  
- The mere school boy who in spring  
time learns to recognize three species  
of Ranunculus - sees wherein they differ  
as species - and wherein they resemble  
each other as belonging to the same  
genus has made a creditable start  
in Systematic Botany - consciously or  
unconsciously he recognizes the fact of  
a significance underlying the objects  
of his study - quite different from that  
of three different postage stamps in  
his album - Now sneer at his  
achievement - call him a "hod carrier"

you as it does on the one stir up a  
feeling of indignation & resentment?  
Does it faithfully give us the  
honest sentiments of President Cutler  
or does it betray a miserable truckling  
to what he knew full well was the  
prejudiced opinions of his auditors?  
How do you relish being classed  
among "bad carriers" - your nature  
in Botany characterized as "ancient  
but best treated with courtesy"? and  
<sup>being</sup> compared with "the poor" as something  
"ever present but to be endured with  
as good a grace as possible"? In the  
days when DeCandolle, Bentham, Hooker  
Torrey - Gray, and a host of others were  
the recognized leaders in systematic  
Botany it was a "corpse" dead  
but "not buried" now thanks to the  
"gush of work" done by the "life  
history" chaps it is being "revivified"  
- Being dead why was it never buried  
at all - The "life history" fellows had  
undertaken too big a job - that's all.

Tell him that he has the earliest symptoms of a "mania" and that at best, if he does his field work in the most creditable way, possible that he is a mere mind-sill. and how much enthusiasm will he continue to feel?

For my own part I have waited and hoped long for a reaction in public sentiment, and I think I <sup>or found stirring</sup> ~~begin~~ <sup>of the dawn</sup> - ~~begin~~ to see ~~the beginning~~ - I do not care to throw mud balls back in return for all that these "life historians" Chaps have sampled the snake stick in a department of botany in which I feel the deepest interest - I have only this to say - You promised much - you have been at work for twenty years - Show us your results! It is something to have the President of Section 7 as spokesman of the whole, admit that although proclaimed dead - and only

falling short of fitting obsequies  
because suspicion was abroad  
that it might be only a case of  
outletting - systematic plotting is  
still very much alive, <sup>and</sup> destined to  
remain so ~~and~~ which being, the  
case the best thing to do is to  
treat it with courtesy - All rights.  
Now fetch along your "courtesy"!

Stop throwing mud - Our worthy  
President of Section 4 says ~~that~~ <sup>this</sup>  
has only been a freak of "too  
exuberant vigor of youth and  
the glories in it" but if you  
please there will be more peace  
in the household if we cease to  
exhibit our "courtesy" in that way.

We are having no end of  
drizzling skies and mud underfoot -  
- very dismal weather - Mattie is  
home again - glad of that.

Kindest regards to Mr Deane  
Yours as ever  
Mrs Babb

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
March 9<sup>th</sup>/92

My dear Mr Deane:-

I fully appreciate the  
situation and am only thankful  
that you send me the brief  
bulletins - when I know how  
many you must have to write,  
Besides you have always been  
a model correspondent in not  
keeping strict accounts of obligations  
- I fear I should have missed many  
a delightful letter if you had  
held me always to a strict  
rule of "keeping up my end of  
the wren" and it was a pity if  
your friends can not remember  
this when you run spare time



is now so absorbed in service, all  
alike the other separate papers which  
with these bulletins which who dare  
would write or think of writing?  
I have only refrained from writing  
in reply - or writing anything -  
- because I read in the card before  
me March 6<sup>th</sup> - this is the right - three  
more days was, elapse before I  
read this page - in six days  
what may have come! The end  
is inevitable and imminent. But  
who was the heart to utter one  
word of all the questionings and  
forecasts that beset the least  
- the most humble one - of the  
fraternity in which our good  
friend was such a notable worker.  
Who is there to take his place?

Cordially

Bob

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
March 13<sup>th</sup> /92

Dear Mr Deane:—

It received Mrs  
Deane's card and President  
Eliot's formal announcement in  
the same mail — Sunday morning.  
It is indeed a sad sad loss. In  
one respect more abrupt and final  
than the death of Dr Fay even — Any  
person who had ever known how  
work went on in this room where  
both lived their desks — how complete  
was the co-operation — how for years  
or years the work ~~the work~~ on  
either side published under one  
name or the other really represented  
the judgment of both — knew that  
Dr Watson was qualified as no

Other person could be the cause in the  
completion the Synoptical Flora - in  
the very spirit in which it was  
conceived - In the main it was a  
compilation anyway and while  
the parts issued by Gray were so  
to speak the work of Gray and  
Watson - those issued by Watson  
must have been the work of  
Watson and Gray, - But now the  
work ends! It will no more be  
finished than the old Flora of  
Gray & Gray was ever finished -  
- But that I care so very much -  
- for over and over again my  
cry is not for extent and haste  
but for local Floras and fullness of  
detail - If we could have a "Flora  
Cestrica" more than fifty years ago  
why can't we have something  
like it to-day - As I recall all  
the work I have done in past

years the form a general herbarium  
I envy you your better judgment  
in setting your limits to  
coincide with Gray's Manual. - If  
I were a young man and had  
the work to do over again I am  
not sure but I would limit  
myself to Illinois. - But I would  
do any work inside that limit so  
effectually. That for all time my  
herbarium would stand as the  
exemplification of what was  
known of Illinois plants in my  
life time. - However I have got off  
on the Willows and can justify my  
desire to "Concentrate my efforts  
on the native Case" in that way.  
I shall await with much interest  
the publication of a Manual of

our departed friend - I knew Dr  
Gray personally. - Watson I only met  
once - our friendship had grown out  
of correspondence almost entirely -  
Gray was impulsive - communicative -  
I did not need to be told much  
about his life - Watson - to me at  
least - was reserved - and I am very  
curious to know something of his  
life before he joined the King expedition.  
- As Dr Jorey said "I want to know  
where he had been all the while"  
How he came to be prepared to  
write that admirable report. &c. &c.

I have gone through this winter  
in better health and spirits than  
any winter for two or three years  
back - and - hoping to meet spring  
several degrees higher in physical  
vigor than I did last year to build  
upon my advantage - and perhaps  
to some collecting - Synthyris -  
The life of Salix myrsinoides and so on  
Cordially Mrs B. B.

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 92

My dear Mr Deane:—

What's the matter?

I—yea surely from I. forgive me to  
the front as a returns and  
exemplary correspondent while  
M. D. the ever prompt is falling  
into arrears! Is it stress of  
school work preceeding the  
Easter vacations—examinations and  
all that— or have you with rigorous  
and inflexible purpose set  
yourself to catch up all heretofore  
work before the collecting season  
opens. and found as a condition  
of success that you must serve  
all alike and let letter writing  
go!

I have been playing general botanist just a little - or rather I have let the Willows take a rest and have been picking up odds and ends for the season of '91. and mounting the same. A few years ago I found a little *Stellaria* (of which I took only a single specimen) growing on a cold-mossy shore of Lacandade Lake - I suspected at the time its identity but unluckily before I found time after I had returned to books and herbarium to make a careful determination the thing got mislaid - Lately I found it - and it is really - as I thought at first it might be. *Stellaria crassifolia* - Now I am impatient to visit the locality again - and see if I can find more of it.

I had an unexpected and very agreeable surprise Saturday in receiving without previous notification

a collection of Willows for  
determination made by parties  
sent out by the Agl. Dept to explore  
Death Valley, Cal. To come down  
from Alaska - line of perpetual  
snow - Aleutian Islands - and all  
that sort of thing to a place  
that is probably as hot a hole  
as can be found on the N. Amer.  
continent was quite a change -  
But the material after all is  
very familiar - of the general  
desert character of S. Calif for the  
basin itself - and the Sierra  
Nevada - for the mountains that  
surround it

On the outside of my envelope  
you will have found a map of  
Landerdale Lake. which will give  
you a better idea than I have  
perhaps hitherto conveyed - of the



irregularity of its shores - This makes  
boating a great pleasure - for  
every ten minutes the view is  
quite changed - if you are moving  
- The photo. I sent last Christmas  
represents the view from Beloit  
Island looking southward - The  
most distant line of timber seen  
in the picture being Wilkinsons  
forest - That in the mid distance  
seen on the right being Carswells Park  
- But don't let these high sounding  
names mislead - the lake is simply  
as yet a place where some of us can  
go and find a quiet that does  
not prevail around lakes not so  
very far from us - 10-12 miles -  
Delavan, Geneva &c which are overrun  
by Chicago people - A class characterized  
by one neighbors servant as - "them  
as has riggers" - If this is not the  
bottom of my 4<sup>th</sup> page! and I  
only intended to write two pages and  
to call your attention to this fact

some persons  
are taking up  
the point - Carle all - But  
I may deliver every one  
of them every one

926 Grant Ave  
O Rockford Ills  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 92

My dear Mr Deane:-

It is now often  
that one is driven indoors at  
this season of the year by such  
inclement weather: a chilly  
northeast wind driving before it  
a mixture of snow, sleet and rain.  
The poor crocuses in the border under  
my window look decidedly discouraged.  
A chance for what the author of  
my farm of Edgewood called "wet weather  
work" which in the present instance  
shall be looking over your friend  
Mrs Churchill's Willows - pen in hand

1. Salix discolor, Muhl., ♂
2. " " " ♀
3. " rostrata, Richardson
4. " " "
- 5- I think this is a hybrid Salix

*cordata* x *sericea* - but a form near  
*cordata* - It is not very safe sailing  
in determining staminate hybrids -  
Among Willows as among the members  
of higher social groups the female  
is depended upon to establish the  
status of the pair - the male being  
of less account but making more  
show - I'm afraid my outstaple is  
breaking down on this last figure  
so to come down to plain science - I  
had down at Frontenac a staminate  
*S. petiolaris* x *cordata* - which in many  
ways was so much like this plant  
that I am led to believe that the  
living plants would show more clearly  
the intermediate character than do  
these detached specimens -

6 *S. discolor* Muhl. Form with very  
large aments -

7 *S. cordata*, Muhl.

8 *S. cordata* x *sericea* No question  
about this!

- 9 S. sericea. Marsh
10. S. cordata, Muhl
11. S. postrata, Rich
12. S. humilis Muhl? abnormal
13. S. postrata Rich

I believe the above determinations will all stand criticism unless there may be some doubt about No 5- By comparing the living plant with forms of cordata and sericea growing in the same locality Mr Churchill might - I doubt not - reach a more satisfactory decision - than I feel justified in making from the specimens before me -

If your friend can reach No 8 without great inconvenience I would be glad to have cuttings for cultivation, (I don't get over my old desire to see these odd things growing even if I am restricted in my gardening operations to a city lot)

Cuttings may be 8 in long - Taken  
from the base of year-old shoots  
(so as to get leaf buds and avoid the  
flower buds of the upper portions).

-4-6 cuttings simply to multiply  
chances of success - wrapped in a  
little paper such as you use over  
butter &c or any imperious material  
- with a muslin outside wrapping  
for the address &c - For a short journey  
at this season - no moisture in the  
shape of damp moss or its equivalent  
need be used - But do not have your  
friend bother if he has little  
leisure at command and the bush  
is far off.

"My barbarium is in perfect shape  
- 1500 sheets have entered it since last  
May 1<sup>st</sup>. Everything is mounted and  
distributed with almost no exception - My  
duplicates - between 700 & 800 species are all  
in perfect order - You do not say that  
you have a card index a-la-Mars  
also in perfect order - and a

corresponding Index Perum for  
all current botanical literature  
relating to your special field  
with also a box with a slot  
a-la-DeCandolle into which to  
drop all notes made while the  
matter was fresh in mind - to be  
distributed when opportunity offered -  
- You don't say this - but I am  
prepared for most anything -  
- Well I did keep things up "once  
upon a time" myself but two or  
three untoward circumstances got me  
so hopelessly behind hand that I  
never caught up -

So you go to Gaffney again  
- Well you must remember me for  
a series of Solidago rigida aurica  
and allied forms - If I keep  
reasonably well I promise you I will  
not drop letter writing as I did  
last summer - It is too soon

to make predictions with any  
degree of assurance And throughout  
the entire N. West there is certainly  
at this time the prospect that we  
may escape this season the  
excessive droughts which have been  
so trying for five years past.  
- If so I may find some asters  
here more worth taking for  
specimens. It has really been  
not altogether my own fault that  
I have done so little collecting -  
- The plants to begin with were  
not to be had in decent shape  
for herbarium specimens. Asters  
and Solidagines especially <sup>with</sup> just a  
few half stunted tufts of blossoms  
surmounting a tall stem from  
which hung dead and brown the  
remains of what few leaves the  
plant ever did possess -

Cordially yours

M. L. Dorr

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
April 28<sup>th</sup> 1912

Dear Mr Deane

I received yesterday  
yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> and to-day  
the cuttings - Please accept  
for yourself and convey the  
firm friend Mr Churchill my  
sincere thanks - The cuttings  
were as fresh and bright when  
opened as on the day you  
packed them - As both Salix  
cordata and S. sericea are very  
easily grown from cuttings, and  
the hybrid if anything still  
easier I have no fears but  
what out of all I will get  
what I desire - a good thrifty  
bush. There is no book in



my little botanical library that  
I enjoy more than I do the  
Flora Cestica ed of '37. I could  
wish that yours was of this  
imprint but from the fact  
that Dr Watson in his Index  
quotes the ed of '33 I fear  
otherwise. The first is a charming  
book with its old Linnaean manuscript  
- detailed and picturesque - full and  
methodical descriptions and notes  
and observations on the then  
interesting questions of sexuality &c.  
The ed of '53 is a poor affair in  
comparison - clipped and trimmed  
to suit Foy's Manual which had  
appeared ad-interim - emasculated -  
- almost all the delightful personal  
flavor gone. I have avoided  
using the second edition - because  
I believe that Durlington himself

and many others counted the  
"Florula Cestrica" the 1<sup>st</sup> ed - making  
the Florula Cestrica of '37 = ed 2 and  
the last, ed 3 -

We have had a cheerless  
monotony of leaden skies and  
cold north east winds all through  
April so far - Things came up  
green three weeks ago - then,  
have turned purple since but  
have not given a particle -  
Peas are so on in the kitchen  
garden - got their heads above  
ground but only concluded to  
stop there and wait for  
warmer weather -

<sup>now</sup> I would have been wise  
to heed my friends advice  
and gone forth in March to  
meet advancing spring - But

I had got through the winter  
so comfortably and it seemed  
as if it were only a matter  
of a few days when we would  
have "balmy spring" - possibly  
summer "come with a bound"  
Instead of that April has been  
the most miserable month  
of the cold season -

I congratulate you that you  
44 years does not count against  
youthfulness of spirit - I had  
not thought of your being  
"44" anyway - by any sort of  
count -

Mattie is very well - she says  
"I will write from Sandusky  
sometime" - Am agreeable though to  
me for somehow with all my  
good resolutions I do get awfully  
lazy and selfish up there and she  
may help me out a bit -  
Kindest regards to Mrs Deane

Caroline  
Fuller

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
May 13 1902

Dear Mr Deane.

I had not heard of  
Prof Baileys critical condition  
before your letter which at  
the same times bears the  
good news of a successful  
operation. How strangely  
familiar the word appendicitis  
has become within a year or  
two - Less than a month ago  
a boy was operated upon in  
our own hospital here in R -  
successfully - An orange seed  
was the exciting cause of irritation

At first I wrote Mr Morton  
that while I thoroughly sympathized

with those who were seeking to  
improve the character of Robinson  
specimens - and while I come  
gladly now, 23<sup>rd</sup> of July for  
the satisfaction of reading the  
list of approved members -  
I feel that it might be not  
altogether right for me to allow  
my name to appear among them  
as I certainly could no longer  
lay claim to recognition as an  
active collector. Later I thought  
I would go on if only for the  
sake of "honorable mention" -  
- but had I known that the list  
would be so short and the  
individual names so conspicuous  
on this account I would not have  
done so - There must be in  
the very nature of the case - a

difficulty in specifying what  
is really first class material -  
In not a few instances what  
Mr. M. calls a perfect specimen  
is only obtained after years of  
patient accumulation in the  
herbarium - though ~~in~~ <sup>with</sup> the majority  
of plants, specimens exhibiting  
the totality of characters for the  
species may be collected for  
distribution with some pains-  
taking - For my own part I am  
always content with really good  
material which in part at least  
contributes to the perfect herb.  
illustration, I had splendid leaves  
of Sarracenia flava for ten  
years before I ever received the  
flower - and when a good

friend I sent me a flower only  
he was profuse in his regrets  
that he could not visit the  
locality in season for good  
leaves! The two gatherings give  
me a perfect specimen - No!  
Come to think of it I have not  
either root or fruit - and if I  
were to extend my idea of  
"perfection" to the measure of your  
own showing of Passacaria  
purpurea - about which you wrote  
me years ago - I should be in  
despair!

"Spring is certainly not  
bursting" upon us! I can not  
conceive of weather more like  
what we imagine they have in  
England than that which has  
hung over us for months -  
And my leaves! I wish you could

see it - such a velvety surface  
and intense emerald green!  
The only shrub in full bloom  
is *Pyrus japonica* - The Tartarian  
Quince and *Spiraea Van  
Houttei* - rival in verdure the  
the lawn - It seemed as if  
that most charming of early spring  
flowers *Scilla Siberica* would never  
begin blossoming - A single hot  
day would have ended it up but  
the day has not come yet and  
so it has kept on and on - I  
know a little now what it is  
that makes the Englishman and  
an enthusiastic gardener - Every  
shrub he sets out grows - a dry spell  
does not come to kill it - his  
tulips and hyacinths last twice  
as long as they do ordinarily in



this country - he don't have the  
surface of his garden brick road  
one day and sun dried bricks the  
next - Ah, well you can't a be  
must raise his structures under  
glass and what not else must  
be forego which, are sunny.  
wind summer skins give us in  
compensation.

You ought not to have been as  
the trouble and expense of returning  
by itself that Barratt Mt of mine -  
You could have sent it anytime  
- with holidays minutes for instance  
I fancy you are getting things  
all snuggled up - arranged in  
apple pie order.

I mark No 8 of the list of your  
Dupe Pamphlets - herewith returned - Others  
I either am fortunate enough to possess  
already - or else as in the case of No 10  
they are somewhat out of my line and would  
be better appreciated by some other correspondent.  
Many thanks for the privilege of  
making the selection.

Cordially as ever  
Wm. S. Beth

926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 192

My dear friend Sam

I want to write you  
an omnibus letter of thanks for  
late favors - let it be construed  
to include all and singular -  
of things to be mentioned and  
things that may be overlooked  
just now - And which are safely  
stowed away for future attention  
- If of reading matter - including  
your kindly tribute to Bayard  
- deposited upon it, it has gone into  
a trunk marked Landerdale books  
- if letters. let me say that the  
warmth of the reception must  
not be measured by the tardiness  
of reply - Yes I recd your "notice  
of Dr Watson" as you modestly term

it - and am ashamed of myself for  
failing to express my thanks -  
I had read it - of course - in the  
Bulletin - but, am none the less  
glad to have it separate - But  
after all how little I know of you  
who have known Watson for years  
and years - Deane - Coulter - Sargent  
- Brewer - have to tell me - who only  
knew him personally through a single  
brief visit of a few days - with years  
of correspondence superadded - I expected  
much and you have all but little  
to tell me that I did not know before -  
- Some one of you ought to have  
brought in Dr. Torrey's exclamation when  
he saw an early copy of the King Ex  
Rep. at Cambridge - "Where have you  
been all these years?" - Tell you  
did tell us that - but somehow it  
does not seem to belong to Watson -

I've no doubt you gave that  
Bot. Club of Harvard Univ. - some  
good ideas - and a deal of good  
inspiration - and a practical

exhibit of good work. And yet  
I have a mind to lecture the  
lecturer. What can I have you for  
a tin box? and moreover what  
bad mischievous results come from  
using a woven wire frame for a  
portfolio - which according to my  
ideas ought to be superfluous!  
- But I would have given a couple  
to see 50 of your choice sheets -  
hung up on a line -

Honestly and truly I have  
been as busy as a teacher in  
a Latin School three weeks before  
Commencement Examination -  
- Mrs B. has gone to Anna [at  
Greenboro N. C.] where there is a  
very young Miss Margaret Mason,  
Mother and child both dying

remarkably well - Mattie is our  
housekeeper - and a capital one  
she is too!

We are having some fine  
weather at last - air pure - full  
of ozone - raining. I am so  
thankful to escape at last from  
a monotony of East winds and  
"Scotch mist."

Not very enthusiastic to turn out -  
- seem to belong to "a class of Botanists  
just passing away" and the thought  
is not inspiring - As ~~David~~ says  
"the Bulletin seems to be given  
over to the nominees and  
the Gazette to the life-history, shops"  
But I will do some collecting up  
at Lauderdale - That is a pleasure  
always - pure and simple -

Cordially as ever  
M. S. Lusk

Landendale, Wis.  
July 16<sup>th</sup> / 92

My dear Mr Deane!—

We came up here  
a week ago to-day, and already  
things are so settled in their  
places that it seems as if we  
had been living here right along  
since last summer. For my  
own part I was loth to leave  
Rockford quite so soon. There  
had been no weather to provoke  
a hankering after lake-side  
cottage life and goodness knows  
we had had enough of water  
this spring and to care for a  
further intimacy. But the children  
were unfortunate and I could  
assign no other reason for wishing  
to stay except that I wanted to  
look after the garden and enjoy  
the Sweet Peas that were just coming.

into blossom - I have done a  
little collecting but it is scarcely  
worth mentioning only as an earnest  
of better to come - I have been  
trying to make some good specimens  
of our Western Pandely but it is a  
difficult subject. The petals - like the  
leaves - have one surface from which  
the moisture escapes readily and the  
other almost as imperious as if  
varnished - It follows that where the  
petals lie thickly exposed near the  
center they dry very slowly and as a  
consequence discolor - I have also  
gathered some Carex tribuloides var  
Bobbis - partly because it is almost the  
only Carex that has not gone by - partly  
on faith for its names sake - Barley  
says of this "common throughout" but  
I have never received it from any  
locality east of Michigan (D. Clarke)  
From Mich. westward it is indeed  
common and looking afixed - more so  
than in the herbarium - like a good  
specimen - If you have this from the  
eastern states please remember me  
for a specimen - and I will fill the  
vacancy thus made in your duplicate

Herb. by specimens from Sunderland all  
There must <sup>be</sup> great social or other  
improvements to carry you to a  
region where the flora has been  
so thoroughly explored that a  
botanist and an enthusiastic  
collector like yourself is reduced  
to "circling about in front of the  
house" on a bicycle for exercise!  
On the "streets of Cambridge" I  
should not have been "surprised"!

With W. W. Bailey I have  
had occasional correspondence  
for years but I have never met  
him - Mattie says that his  
wife and children are "lovely."

Cratty sent me, some time  
ago a plant for identification  
which he said he "couldn't even  
guess at" - It was nothing, less  
than Carex aychrocephala! He is in  
proper the get more of it this  
season - I had a few more



specimens - including some from  
the original collection of Kneiskern  
and Vasey - but all bunched together  
and jumbled five times over they  
could not have equalled Pratty's one  
specimen -

I did a little piece of botanical work and it was work for I was driven to it - just before I came away from Library and Herbarium viz. reporting on the Willows of the Death Valley Expedition - I have been thinking for sometime that should have to knock Salix Californica Michx. in the head and Correll's specimens from the Sierra Nevada finished the business - S. Barclayi Anders. as now understood runs a range from Alaska southward along the Cascades & Sierra Nevada to California and presents another of those protean species which is more just as reasonable to call three or four as one - for even this one presents an almost unbroken transition from S. cordata to S. glauca ~~vestita~~ I imagine I never so much as once thought ten years ago that S. Californica might be only variety of a species which as then known was

Lancasterdale, Wis


Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1892

My dear Mr Deane:-

I write in reply  
to yours of July 25<sup>th</sup> with no  
other notion I fear but this,  
at bottom, selfish one of placing  
myself once more in position  
to look for another letter  
from the same hand when  
we take our usual evening  
row around to the P.O. to get  
our mail - We usually, have  
an early supper - or take dinner  
at half past five - about six we  
all get into that family boat  
whereof I wrote so much four  
or five years ago - and row  
slowly around in the store and  
mill - get our mail and perhaps  
a few stores - let one of the boys

out "to go for milk" and then  
spend the cool of the evening on  
the water -

My specimens of *Carex Bottri*  
are good and I will send you  
a supply for your duplicate herb.  
But the White Water Lily was such  
a miserable failure that I threw  
the seedlings thereof away -  
I intended to show you how large  
our western species *flor* grows  
under favorable conditions - I  
honestly do not exaggerate when  
I say that the tips of the petals  
would have reached across this  
sheet. But alas the centres of  
the flaves actually decay  
from moisture that could find  
no escape - I know now how I  
might have (possibly) obviated the  
difficulty - but such exceptionally  
large blooms are only produced  
very early in the season -  
My only find of what may be

a plant of interest is a  
Nepenthes adorned with prominently  
lobed leaves. All the leaves  
from the same root were  
similar so the change from the  
normal form was not the result  
of a fungus attack - as it first  
struck me as being. The  
leaves are narrow - and the  
edges were curled up. Something  
like this  - Did you  
ever see anything of the  
kind? - I do not recall any  
mention of such a sport in our  
common yellow pond lily - and  
I have sowed through acres of it  
here on the Lac du St. Pierre Lake  
without ever having myself  
seen the like before - or indeed  
any approach to it.

Dr. Glatfelter of St. Louis got  
an idea - a few years ago - that he

and discriminate the species of  
Willow by the veining of the leaves  
I was glad to help him - to the  
extent of my ability - but have had  
no faith in the practicability of  
his scheme from the start. He has  
however been assiduous in his  
efforts - helped financially somewhat  
I think by Prof. Drake - and has  
certainly produced some exquisite  
photographs of which I enclose  
samples for your inspection - I  
am certain he is to have three  
plates - illustrating the species of  
Young Men - in a forthcoming  
publication of the Shaw School of  
Botany.

Your escape when that dog  
of rock fell was indeed a narrow  
one - Come out here and try the  
climb over the round knobs of drift  
left by the last Green Bay glacier  
and I can at least assure you  
that you will place yourself in  
no such danger -

Remember your friend & the  
wife glad during your vacation  
Cordially Both

Landersdale 18<sup>th</sup>

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1892

My dear Mr Deane:-

There is so much in  
your last letter to call for  
reply I am led to talk back  
instantly. Whether I will "return  
2 Salix work" the next winter  
is every summer a question  
that grows more and more doubt-  
ful with <sup>each</sup> annual recurrence.  
Just at present I seem to have  
sunk into a state of absolute  
apathy at least so far as the  
kind of votaries, represented by  
the Bulletin and Gazette is  
concerned. It is not that "the  
Bulletin makes me swear and  
the Gazette also puts me to  
sleep" - I simply don't care -  
they neither of them arouse

any feeling of worth or induce  
a tendency to somnolence -  
I cut the paper listless by -  
read almost nothing and wonder  
if it is all that I am growing  
old - or whether I belong to a  
generation of botanists fast  
passing away" and feel  
lonesome accordingly - or what is  
the matter. I was wont in  
days gone by to seek the  
distinction of being recognized  
in however obscure a way  
as a botanist. Has the title  
become cheapened or is it all  
in my way of looking at the  
matter. That somehow the Experiment  
Station business seems commonplace.  
Something must be said or done  
to represent claim the salary  
received - and in frantic efforts  
to make that something strikingly  
original - or apparently, of great

commodity values - dollar for dollar  
- what stacks of stuff is published,  
But enough - I promised myself  
when I started this last sentence  
that I would stop with this page -

Yes! The willow slips you  
sent me were growing nicely  
when I left home. They are  
the easiest things in the whole  
range of horticulture and the  
straw - Late this fall after the  
wood is thoroughly ripened and the  
leaves have fallen let your  
green and select vigorous shoots of  
the years growth - cut these into  
lengths of about 10 in each - plant  
8 in deep - firm the earth, well  
about the base of the cutting -  
He can either bury his cuttings  
and set next spring - or set before  
the ground freezes and throw some  
litter over the bed - I have usually  
planted in spring with good success



and have prepared to grow the cuttings in a nursery row the first season - selecting them the most vigorous plants - one year, etc - for planting out - discarding the others - Keep the soil mellow about the young trees for a year or two and these seedling kinds as *S. fragilis* will shift for themselves -

I do not see how corrosive sublimate would help in case of the very large water lilies - The difficulty is very much what it would be were you to attempt to dry out a pile of alternate layers, of vegetable tissue and rubber film. Either I must dry the flower in sections - marking them so that I could again superimpose them <sup>in the same</sup> ~~them~~ in proper order - or I must slip some kind of thin driers in between the petals and change them as often as I do the regular driers - or possible the application of heat might obviate the difficulty - I

when I grew up - Howells "Boys Town"  
it was - were enthusiastic kite  
fliers - and I have been often  
called upon to revive some long  
forgotten skill in that direction  
to help out my boys -

Yes! we had a fine view  
from the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup>  
- It was amusing to read the Chicago  
Daily papers of the morning of the  
5<sup>th</sup> - Each and every one felt they  
would say something or acknowledge  
themselves "scrooped" and the something  
which the average reporter wrote  
from his "inner consciousness" was  
capital summer reading. And  
embarrassment - better than Punch or  
Judge or Punch - But the extraordinary  
persona of a few weeks ago -  
phenomenal in its splendor, we  
all slept through - Our cottage is  
surrounded by trees and it so  
happened we all went to bed early  
The did witness however only a  
few evenings since a singular  
phenomenon - at least it was new  
to me and I am nearly sixty years old

trick and not clear  
few more  
the same act  
rain time

from  
light reflects  
the  
morning  
the  
the

Have never tried either —

I was interested to find that the  
valley of this "Sage Willow Spring"  
an object receiving frequent  
mention in descriptions of the  
desolation of Death Valley was  
Salix laevigata, the first we  
had the good luck to find.

If you had had that  
famous kite of yours here any  
time in the last three days  
you might have had in what  
left it up - tied the string to  
tree and raised an leaves later  
pulling it in and winding  
string. It has been one steady  
blow - blow - blow - till I got so  
tired of the monotonous rattle of  
the leaves and beat of the waves  
on the shore that I was ready to  
accept anything the weather  
bureau had to offer any way of  
change - The boys in the town

Landersdale, Wis<sup>ns</sup>

Aug 24 / 92

Dear Mr Deane: -

The "break camp"  
day after tomorrow - Two days  
this and the next - were to have  
been given to packing up but  
it is raining a steady pour  
down - so while Gus and Mattie  
are carrying out their share of  
the programme within doors I  
am perforce at leisure - There  
will be time enough tomorrow  
to put up the shutters - get in the  
boats &c. This is the first season  
since we began coming here -  
five years ago - that we ~~have~~ <sup>will</sup>  
return to Port Alfred without  
an excessive drought having  
disrupted our garden - of all its  
beauty - I must tell you how  
it was with D. Gifford and I

Salix myostillanthes. He wrote me  
last spring that he intended to  
do all his work over again  
with better material and asked  
me to help him to fresh leaves  
of all the Willows which he himself  
did not find in the vicinity of  
St Louis - I send him S. glaucophylla  
from Rockford and promised from  
Lancaster - as soon as I should get  
them I dissected petioles - examined a  
number and saw stallanes - I then  
referred him to Bailey of Brown  
for S. tristis (good typical trees  
around Providence) Bailey of Cornell  
for one or two <sup>others</sup> for the white stem species -  
I completed for S. adniphylloides -  
I was able to fulfill my promise  
in a very satisfactory excepting  
as regards S. myostillanthes - this  
I found when I got here - in  
the language of the Georgia  
sheriff endorsed in a note  
which he had been made  
to serve - "now comatibus in swamps"

in fact my locality was  
completely submerged - I so informed  
D & G, and told him he had better  
not depend upon my getting the  
plant. A few days later  
while exploring another bog  
in search of Epilobium nolle  
(I do not recall the Mahlenbergian  
name) I stumbled unexpectedly  
upon a nice lot of my stellands  
and sent D & G specimens. These  
were excavated to St Louis within  
two hours from the time I had  
discovered the plant. I doubt  
not he had them in hand  
before his letter reached you.

Recurring to aquaticis - frays  
Many sumps of the submerged  
leaves of Najas advena - "seldom  
present" - I wonder <sup>if</sup> it would not  
be a truer statement to say  
seldom observed - They are present  
only in the early part of the

season and some decay - I saw  
them here a few years ago  
beautifully, and had not been  
not prepared at that time to  
preserve specimens - this summer  
in July, I was too late - When  
I had noticed them particularly,  
the water was only about three  
feet deep and they formed a  
most beautiful flower-like rosette  
out of the center of which sprang  
the long stems of the floating  
leaves.

I particularly desire a  
good instruction series of your  
Mandarin Solidagons - ~~It is~~  
You offered to send me L.  
Virga aurea but I think (though  
can not feel too sure) that the  
promise has gone the way of  
my own ancient Syntherisma ~~Strophosiphon~~  
- The plant "that J.C. Porter changes the  
name of" I have from the  
locality mentioned in Gray Man-  
'bare of the White Mts" but not

so far as I remember from  
elsewhere -

I took all the Epilobium  
maeri that I could find -  
about a dozen plants - Will  
send you some for your  
duplicate herbium.

The following is further  
an "old joke" near some  
this was new, a few days  
ago - to the campus in the  
thous of Landale -

Wood  
John  
Mass.

Name and P.O. address -

Cordially as ever  
W. S. Bell



926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> /92

Dear Mr Deane:-

I set out about  
three weeks ago to make a Tour  
of duty and pleasure visiting  
the families of my older  
children established in an about  
Chicago. I put in my coat  
pocket two manuscript letters  
of yours thinking I might find  
an opportunity to write while  
away. But the letters came  
back with me last Saturday -  
Chances for letter writing having  
proved a vain delusion. I  
had scarcely a moment to my self  
for between the weightier schemes

for my entertainment the grand  
children took good care to get  
in plenty of chucking (I'm not  
sure that this word is in the dictionary  
and may not be understood by  
an eastern man - In the early settle-  
ments of the west the spaces between  
logs <sup>in building a cabin</sup> were filled up with small blocks  
and mud called "chuck and daubing"  
I almost smile at myself to think  
I should <sup>have</sup> used the word metaphorically  
in speaking of my grandchildren -  
it was familiar enough to me  
fifty years ago). Robert and  
Arthur took me one day down to  
Lake Co Indiana - an excursion to  
the Pine Barrens and sand dunes of  
the south end of Lake Michigan. The  
flora of the region was made  
familiar long ago by the capital  
collections of my old friend  
Babcock and the season was so  
late that though I wasn't prepared

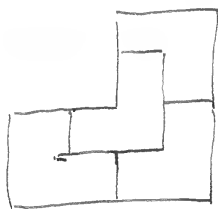
to collect if anything, so nothing turned  
up I came back with an empty  
portfolio. But we had a splendid  
day in the woods - and a camp  
dinner - with sweet potatoes, even we  
roasted in hot sand. A few weeks  
before Rob had performed one  
collecting feat such as I never  
had a chance to achieve, -  
without moving from his tracks  
he gathered five species of  
*Utricularia* in bloom! Only  
*U. cornuta* was left when we  
visited this locality, together, but  
this so plentiful that we gathered  
it by the handful to carry back  
to city friends.

Of course I saw the World's  
Fair buildings, and they are  
truly splendid - You read of their  
being only a framework of wood

and was covered with stiff but  
you are amazed to find how  
very solid and substantial they  
appear! But it was a relief  
in the midst of so much architec-  
tural splendor to rest the eye  
upon the shores of the Wooded  
Island - It must have taken  
barge load after barge load of  
indigenous bog to do the job  
but the result is most satisfactory.  
The planting is artistic - admirable -  
Asters - Careopsis - Sedges &c. making up  
for all the world just such a  
show as a Botanist might delight  
to come upon in wild nature -

Our autumn has been a most  
remarkable one - We have had  
no frost at all until last Sunday  
morning when there was a pretty  
decided display of white - but so  
hardened was all vegetation

become by the gradual reduction  
of temperature that even tender  
things like tomatoes, morning  
glories - Cammas &c had only the  
frosting tips singed and today  
the morning glories are still blooming  
while the "nasturtiums" are a  
mass of brilliant color -



"Don't think me so brilliant as  
to guess it right off. I knew it  
before"

It was a little strange  
that you shared me & my wife's  
sister at Jaffrey - but the  
two are as unlike - in every  
way - as can be. One of them

striking contrasts common enough in families and about which people are forever wondering.

It is very dry here - no rain for weeks - and the ground in the garden as dry and hard as a sun dried brick - As soon as there comes a good rain I shall have some gardening to do - though I detest October gardening and only do it because I know that next spring I may regret very much my negligence if the proper thing is not accomplished at the proper time - When the ground freezes up there usually comes my time for closed potting.

Cordially as ever

W. L. Webb

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Rockford Ills  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 92

My dear friend Deane:—

I am to go south to the mountains of Georgia immediately after the holidays. The trip is not at all to my liking and I feel blue over the prospect of being absent from home for months. In gathering up trifles that need attention before I go I send you in the same mail with this a few specimens of Carex tribuloides from Bobbi Bailey. I am ashamed to send them without roots but the circumstances under which the collection was made precluded anything more than cutting, under water and, among a dense growth of other sedges. I also include another specimen of

Epilobium strictum Muhl. I wonder  
if I will ever see again the  
abundant growth of this which  
first attracted my attention:

Finally two small flowering  
specimens of Synthyris Pugetiana  
for the getting of which no great  
credit is due. It happened thus.  
Last spring I was down on my knees  
planting out a lot of little Geraniums  
when I heard a lady's voice call - "Mr  
Bobb is your wife at home?" - She  
was not. "Then won't you come and  
take a little ride with us? The  
basket full of unplanted Geraniums  
went under a Norway Fir in the  
shade and when my wife came home  
she found me missing - I tell me  
men driving along up the river road  
when all at once I espied these two  
little plants - I explained to my  
friend why I wished to stop and  
get them adding that though I



knew of a locality where I thought  
I could get more I had better make  
sure of these. So that is the way  
you come to have just a  
beginning of a show for *Synthyris*  
*Knuthiana* - Later in the season  
the leaves are larger and firmer  
in texture - the stems lengthen to  
a foot or more <sup>where</sup> in fruit, and it  
is possible to dry the plant so  
that it blackens but very little.  
I am still hoping to send you a  
good herbarium exhibit of the  
species in toto -

We have been having dismal  
weather for a month past. dull  
leadens skies through which the sun  
scarcely ever breaks - an atmosphere  
saturated with moisture often heavy  
with fog and coal smoke - a  
slippery snow under foot which

melts into slush and stays. never  
quite melting into water and  
running away. It is rather unusual  
for us in this region. Though  
last spring we had weeks and  
weeks just like it. I am obliged  
to acknowledge that from feeling  
better and stronger last fall than  
I have anytime in recent years  
I am perceptibly feeling the effects  
of unable to resist the depressing  
influences of the weather. It  
remains to be seen what effect  
the change to a warmer climate  
will have.

Hurrah! I was expecting this  
morning for a graceful wind up  
but the postman knocked (that is  
not a figure of speech one really heard  
an old fashioned knocker on our door)  
and I found he had left me  
1<sup>st</sup> a letter to mother from Will

2<sup>d</sup> a letter to Mattie from Art and  
3<sup>d</sup> a letter to me from you - Isn't  
it a curious coincidence that it  
should have come while I was  
writing - Do you know I almost  
envy you your enthusiasm. It makes  
me think of the days when no  
amateur was more industrious and  
persevering than I myself in accumu-  
lating botanical treasures - and it  
also brings home with just a touch  
of regret the fact <sup>that</sup> I have given  
up - or given out - fallen behind -  
gone apathetic on what is now charac-  
terization the case every one for. But  
I like to read how your herbarium  
grows even if my own has come to  
a stand still. Did Egbert send you his  
new Parthenium? I should suppose he  
would and yet it would naturally be the  
first plant you would mention if he had  
done so. I lately received it from  
Dr. Bletfetter and was rather surprised to  
find the plant apparently more unlike

P. integrifolium. in other ways than the difference of root growth. than I had expected to see in -

I have had a charming letter from Dr Robinson "sincerely hoping that the friendly relations which have existed between [myself] and the Barbaram in the past may be continued under its new management" - to which I could make most hearty response! How much I would like to do - if I only could!

I thought both E. Hall and Patterson have to make specimens - about the best service I take in which I ever rendered the cause of botanical science - I should like to tell you about Hall. He was a queer chap and no mistake!

Don't talk about not coming, next summer - Rediculous! - "Suppose that I were disappointed in your <sup>only</sup> friend" - S. P. W.! I submit, that such a supposition gives beyond rediculous and after trying to think of some expression the same my mind would abandon the matter as wholly beyond my incapability of about one, artist friends call "satisfactory treatment" I fancy you and Mrs Deane will do just about right and I did at the

time of the Philadelphia Centennial -  
- discuss and debate and decide and  
withstand our decision - settle down to  
a firm conviction that all things  
considered we just could not and there  
was no use talking about the matter  
any further and at last - f. d. - and  
be glad we did ever after. And as  
for the fearful possibility of shattered  
ideals in case you and I should meet  
- and not forgetting your experience  
with Mr. - what his name - of  
Cincinnati - Lloyd. Oh yes not  
forgetting Lloyd. I still feel as though  
I should like about all things to  
put the matter to the test. I should  
want to forwarn you in big bold  
letters that your western friend was  
an old bronchitic - close on 60 years  
of age - just so that the "appearance  
in the form" as one Spiritualist  
brother - put or might not be

too much of a shock and after  
that I don't doubt we could soon  
come to be boys together. You  
can not imagine how good it made  
me feel when some of the younger  
members of the Botanical fraternity  
began to write me in a very  
respectful tone becoming the difference  
in years. Fact is I can't quite  
catch the dignity of the grand  
senior. Even if I were to try - I  
should only make a fool of myself.

Mattie is visiting an old school  
friend on the East side today. will  
be there to dinner. But I do not need  
to consult her wishes before assuming  
you that she would be a very  
happy girl to have a letter from  
you. We are all well and still  
hope to see Mr & Mrs Deane next  
summer!

Cordially as ever

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Dec 22/94

My dear friend Deane:-

I inclose a trifle -  
just as a token of remembrance  
- nothing more - And I shall  
not even pretend to write a  
letter - My day when I got  
shut in by a rain storm  
down south I will yet even  
write you -

Wishing you and all  
all that are nearest and  
dearest to you a Merry  
Christmas and a happy new  
year I remain as ever  
fraternally yours  
Wm L Bell

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Rockford Ills  
Jan'y 5<sup>th</sup> /93

My dear Mr Deane:—

Mattie bade us  
good-bye yesterday. She would stay  
over last night with her sister  
and leave Chicago this A. M. on  
the "Boston Special" arriving in  
Albany tomorrow morning—where  
Robert will meet her.

It is now my turn to get a  
trunk down from the store room  
and begin packing! I plan to go  
into Chicago sometime next week—  
visit a few days with the friends  
there and leave for the south  
Monday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 P. M. arriving  
at Atlanta 7 P. M. the next day,  
via the "Evansville Route". This is  
the most direct route to Nashville  
from Chicago. Returning I hope to  
be able to follow Spring northward  
and to loiter a bit on the way  
revisiting my boyhood home near  
Cincinnati. I think I have told



you that the place where I am to stay is a little town on the South-East side of the Blue Ridge about 50 miles south of the point where N. Carolina, S. Carolina and Georgia "Corner". - I can tell you more about it a few weeks hence. I may be able to do a little collecting toward the close of my sojourn - and I even indulge in visions of such verdant growths of Mosses that I may be led to revive an old time interest in these pretty little plants.

With a blizzard howling around the house this morning my wife urges me to hasten my departure for a more congenial clime - But after all it is only the long, confinement within doors which thus hitherto broken me down before the return of spring. Assured of a chance to escape everytime I choose I can very comfortably sit by my fire in a warm room and let old Bonas rage if he will! Besides as I can not well

appears to be gone longer than  
three months every week taken off of  
this end and added on to the  
other is a gain

I wish I had something  
of botanical interest to write about  
and so redeem two pages of personal-  
ities but I have not mounted a  
single specimen this winter - not  
soaked up a single Willow capsule -  
and things said by the Experiment  
Station Chaps which a few years  
ago might have aroused a more  
or less indignant (and I may as  
well add impotent) protest are  
now let pass as matters of no  
concern - I know it is all very new  
mood and nothing more - The work  
goes bravely on at the Gray Herbarium  
Round sees the way opening before  
him to the completion of his Flora  
of New South - the fellows that "compro-  
mise" everything so beautifully at  
Richester - surely they are happy!  
So what's the use? I want to keep  
"goggling away" after the old  
fashioned style and not two

monthlies irritate me - one by its  
intense partyanship - the other by  
being so wondrous wise that I  
have really given up all hope  
of understanding it - I do wish we  
had some botanical journal a  
little after the scope let us say of  
Hardwick's Science Gossip - only  
botanical exclusively and not  
designed in any way shape or manner  
to pose for foreign approval - Where  
the small fry - "outers" "rod carriers" -  
could if they wished, report some happy  
find and not be cast down by having  
their little note quite overshadowed  
by a Monograph of the Gastromy-  
cetes of New Guinea, by Herr. Prof  
Hask-nicht. We have, as it seems to  
me, no journal which meets the  
wants ~~which~~ <sup>that</sup> led primarily to the  
establishment of the Gazette - Or  
paper of "Botanical Notes" - As for  
the other stuff I can get all I want  
of it for the mere asking - or at any  
rate in the Proceedings of Scientific ~~Transactions~~  
- where it belongs, Cordially Bob

Habersham Co.

Demorest, Ga.

Jan 26<sup>th</sup> /93

Dear Mr Deane: -

I received your last kind "good bye" letter just as I was leaving Rockford - In fact I had left my own door but encountered the postman on my way to the depot. If some sort of unconscious telepathic communication was only a common experience you would have known at once my heart felt response - Unfortunately our most generous feelings are still dependant for expression on a blundering or dilatory pen. This is the first letter I have written from here except the wife and children

I left Chicago Monday evening Jan 16<sup>th</sup> - The train was due at Nashville the next morning but our engine broke down in the night near Vincennes. And so we were detained three eight hours. Lost our sight of way - and the eight hours

Behind a time had become twelve  
By the time the train pulled into  
Marshall. I had purposely planned  
to pass over the country between  
Marshall and Atlanta by daylight  
but for reasons which I need not  
detail it was necessary for me to  
press on. so I made the trip in the  
night. Arrived at Atlanta the next  
morning and here by noon of the  
same day. It had snowed on us all  
the way up from Atlanta. The  
atmosphere being so thick as to  
shut out all distant views of scenery.  
I arrived here in a blinding snow-  
storm which continued without let up  
till noon Thursday. By this time  
the snow lay everywhere a foot deep.  
Cold weather preceded and followed  
the storm. The thermometer one morning  
dropping as low as  $-16^{\circ}$ . The  
depth of the snow. The intensity of  
the cold and the long period over  
which it lasted has not been equalled  
in this region in the last forty  
years. As I heard a native remark  
yesterday. "It has been powerful

hard on the pore" - On the other hand  
the sun rises as high in the heavens  
as it will with us in April - the  
days are long - the atmosphere very  
clear and perfectly still, so although  
we ~~still~~ have frosty mornings the  
midday temperatures seems to me  
hardened by exposure to the severity  
of a northern climate - quite mild  
and enjoyable - I only wish there  
would come a warm rain and carry  
off the last vestige of the snow which  
still lingers in the woods and shady  
places.

The ~~new~~ crest of the Blue Ridge  
lies about 17 miles northwest of us -  
the highest visible peak Mt. Gonah  
2657 ft alt. Denwood is 1600 ft above  
the sea. The country in the immediate  
vicinity I am disappointed in - a  
barren, hilly region covered with second  
growth Oak mingled with which is  
occasionally about 25% of scrub Pine -  
All the way up from Atlanta it was  
the same. one area of 40 acres well  
only show a dozen old trees and  
these whether Oak or Pine have over

There is expectation from the eye in the  
beauty and merit of beauty and  
utility that just the reverse - As no  
stumps are visible I infer that the  
deforestation took place before the war.

This is a queer town - northern  
in all its appearances - dropped down  
on the hills of Georgia - It is populated  
by cranks mostly, drawn from the  
Cott Woods of Maine - "The banana  
belt" of Dakota, and intervening,  
subtropical regions. There is a poet from  
Arkham N. H. who has published a  
volume of poems (at his own expense)  
entitled "A Thousand Songs of Life, Love,  
Hope and Heaven" - It lies on the table  
below - There are not really an  
even 1000 of them - not more than  
500 in fact - but the number is made good  
by a lot of apophorisms in verse - He  
does business in Arkham and spends his  
winters here - In his preface he tells his  
readers that he tries to carry poetry  
into his business and business into his  
poetry - or words to that effect - I can't  
say what effect this proceeding may  
have on the business end of the bargain  
but it is very apparent that the poetry

so called has not been accomplished  
without a good deal of Yankee persistence  
and hard work. He is one more of the  
Cranks of course and I know ~~refrained~~  
natives waiting to be told. That I will  
be taken in as of the fraternity.

I rather scented the idea - at first -  
of going into a Southern house  
built on Northern principles - beaten  
throughout by Yankee &c but I have  
found it mighty comfortable this  
lot) shall the regulate the head of  
my room by the turn of a register.

Yesterday I chanced to be  
looking out of my window when a  
splendid, great, bald-headed Eagle  
came sailing by so close that I  
could see his eyes. His head and  
neck were very white. in fact every  
feather on him was perfect. He flew  
to toward the Mountains. I thought  
possibly such visitors were common but  
find to my surprise that the bird  
is rarely seen in this immediate  
vicinity - I seem to have been  
specially favored.



I am sorry to hear that our good friend Ham is so afflicted. I must write to him. I would write to all my botanical friends often only I am conscious that I have only more botanical personalities to communicate and then many easily be administered as nauseum.

Mattie's address is Willsborough, Essex Co. N.Y. She will be glad I know to have a letter from "Mr. Deane".

As I have not yet escaped the winter weather I tried to keep away from it is too soon to look for my beneficial effects from my trip south. But I have seen more and learned more of the natives and their ways of living in one week than I expected to see and learn in a month. I shall have to tell you about them another time. My kindest regards to Mrs. Deane.

Cordially  
B. M.

Demorest, Ga. -

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1893

My dear Mr Deane:-

We had a delightful weather here all through the fore part of last week - calm - warm - hazy just like Indian Summer. The thermometer standing at about 60° in the morning and 70° at mid. day. Friday dawned more hazy than ever, all distant views being shut off by the smokiness of the atmosphere. But about 9 o'clock a cool breeze sprang up from the west and the air cleared in a wonderfully short space of time. Clouds gathered overhead but around the horizon it was perfectly clear. At this time the mountains took on a color which I had never before seen in any landscape - a deep, intense blue verging toward purple in the valleys - and a deepening of the neutral blue the distant mountains as often as seen. And a clear, pronounced

ultra-marine! It remained cool all day & cloudy. Saturday morning there was a white frost and Saturday night a cold rain set in which lasted all day Sunday. I have no doubt this was the extreme northern stage of the cold wave which swept over the whole of the upper Mississippi Valley the latter part of the week past. My wife writes me that the weather has been unusually severe in St. Ills. - the boys go to school in skates - pedestrians take to the middle of the street and that she herself is house-bound.

I was much pleased to get both of your letters and I only refrained from answering the first immediately in hopes that the second might follow - as it has - in a day or two.

Demarest is a new place - forced into existence by a land company. It is only 3 or 4 years old. The project was to repeat in the south - the

experiment so successfully made by Mr. Lenoir at Vineland N. J. of building up a prohibition town. Just as fast the place has sunk into a conventional state and anybody who can tell for some substantial details or whereabouts is going. The owner would relieve the suspicious minds of a good many settlers and of the Land Company <sup>as well</sup> ~~stock~~! The climate is no doubt a fine one for all your warm residents. Waterville - situated only 5 miles distant - was a noted summer resort for southerners - before the war. Fremont Stevenson & others had residences there and I am told the court house was built in 1832 - the year before I was born. I was misinformed as to the height of Mt. Yonah - the most conspicuous peak of the Blue Ridge. I should have written 3400 ft alt (not 2600 ft) and was I correct in saying that this is the highest peak visible from this point Mt. Gray - more distant and apparently of

superior height is 44 to 45 ft. alt.

The nation's "Cracker" is a study -  
that one gives him credit for an  
very agreeable trait. He is never really  
polite - and his legs always left.  
their caps to any lady they meet with  
a grace born of familiarity which  
is very engaging. As far as I can  
see there is none of that earthy - sudden  
manifested resentment felt toward those  
occupying a different station in  
life of which one see so much in the  
low-down behavior of the north. The  
cracker does not associate with his  
brethren in the outskirts of a city  
and more his wrongs by listening  
to socialistic (so called) harangues. On  
the contrary he builds his shanty  
way off in the woods and he & his  
family live by themselves. He is  
wretchedly fed - poor as poverty - lazy  
but proud as a lord of his position as  
a citizen. His wife is the most  
mean - degraded - and odious creature  
imaginable. She chews tobacco

and I spite with the accurate aims of a  
Paragon though. If ever the mountain  
woman of G. indulged in any such  
near femininity as a "smell sheet."  
they have long ago discarded it  
for the more manly habit of taking  
a chance from the plug. She is never  
without a babe in arms and  
carries in through the principal  
street of the town making such  
an absolutely unconscious display  
of what Macaulay calls the "water-  
bowl & vase" that the on-looker  
wonders how many ashamed of his  
conventional ideas of propriety.  
She is innocent. What are you  
thinking about? One problem I can  
not solve and I have asked intelligent  
Persons who have lived here for years and  
they too are just as <sup>much</sup> in the dark  
as the least new comer from the north.  
Now is it that along with what is  
plainly the ground work of the  
character of the cracker their co-  
quetry their luteal persecution and

so often displayed in "lynching  
squares" It is a survival from the  
old slaving days of unwar - but why  
does it survive? Is it that  
wreaking vengeance and curiosity  
the beholder if not the participants in  
cruelty is always the mark of  
the weak savage and the fallen  
feeling - sympathy - a sense of  
common humanity is the last  
outgrowth of civilization? —

Perhaps if the orator were a little  
more sensitive to his degradation  
the problem of "elevation" the poor  
whites of the South would be simplified  
- It is simply wrong, to me that  
many thousands of average intelligence  
should come into one of the old  
slave states to invest his all  
and make a permanent home -

The moral filth in which whites  
and blacks wallowed alike for  
two hundred years has left  
behind a miasma which will  
not be lifted in years to come

It is the wrong way of doing - but  
do what you will these people -  
whites and blacks together - murder  
work and their own seductions -  
Draw a curtain of freedom and  
decency around them and let  
them do it -

Lots of Turkey buzzards but no  
more eagles! I had not seen this  
yellow splendid plumage I must  
begin to feel that I had taken  
my first buzzard - for this  
bird of freedom!

Don't expect any sympathy from  
me! Patterson doubtless got it as I  
wrote to 30 years ago - no such  
plants now growing about Rockford -

I have found a patch of Galax  
about a mile distant and the next  
time I visit the brook, I will  
gather some of the fresh leaves  
(which persist over the winter) and  
send to you - Set in a cool place  
in water. They will keep fresh for  
a long time - To my surprise there

is very little green herbage to be  
seen here at this season - less than  
at the north - no grass - and the  
only perennial in open places  
- along, good patches of - with a few  
leaves starting over - is a small  
variety of Potentilla Canadensis -

I have already used up all the  
paper - I longer met me - This is  
a Democratic paradise - With Mattie  
at Hillsborough, N. Y. Will in Minnesota  
three children in Chicago - and the  
home folks I have been writing  
Beth letters instead of Harriet's.  
By the way Mattie asks "What has  
become of Mr Deane?" She is  
waiting for that promised letter.

Well here's the end of 4 1/2 pages  
and not much said either -  
Please accept graciously in lieu of  
quality -

Kind regards to Mrs Deane -  
Now I wish I may some day  
see you both! Very cordially  
Beth

Demarest Ga  
Feb 14 1893

My dear Mr. Greene:-

Your Willow specimen is so young and mixed as to be of almost no value. The leaves are from the same plant - which I doubt we have one of those intermediate forms and even in New England I find the twig of young leaves seems more discolor while the detached (older) leaf is more like humilis - The fertile aments accompanying are either S. sericea or possibly S. pubescens. (The two not clearly distinct in color at this early stage of growth.) As for the leaves "becoming glabrous". you will see by the fragments returned that it is the young leaves which are only thinly overspread with hairs while the older leaf is quite



pubescent beneath - (Your corres-  
pondent probably refers) upon a  
memorandum as to locality &c.  
There is no safe way for this  
notice but to use tags - I  
could tell in this connection  
a funny story - about a mistake  
made by one remarkably so very  
careful friend Prof L. F. Ward -  
He sent me specimens mixed of  
*A. longifolia* & *A. nigra* - mixed leaves  
and stems - I called his  
attention to the fact and he  
replied that he did not see how  
there could possibly be any mistake  
the plants were *longifolia* in a  
locality, easily remembered and  
he was quite sure that the fls & frs  
were from the same bush - I  
returned to him specimens of each  
species - The identity of which he  
recognized - But still he stated that  
the mistake came about was  
more a mystery to him than it

was to me - I had forgotten all  
about the matter when the next  
spring I received a handsome  
letter glorifying the accuracy of  
the clod botanist and express-  
ing the abject humiliation of  
the local observer - He had found  
his one bush the consist of two -  
with branches intricately growing  
in intricate confusion -

I sent you yesterday a  
little box containing leaves of  
*Thalassia* - I am told that if placed  
in water and set in a cool  
place they will keep fresh for  
many days - I hope they  
may reach you in good condi-  
tion - But have my misgivings  
about these -

Yours cordially  
B. B.

Demarest, Ga

Tuesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 93

My dear Mr. Demarest -

Yesterday was delightful, warm without being sultry. The air calm, clear and invigorating - Today is chilly. wind in the east. sky overcast with leaden clouds -

Yesterday I was out in the garden all day long. Today I am shut in and writing letters - and so I answer one of your questions as to how I spend my time - just as it happens.

My wife has very decided objections to my packing either books or botanical work in my trunk - so my resource is nature in all her phases, that I have capacity or culture to appreciate first and foremost - and fill in dull days as best I can. Alas you enjoyed the Galax leaves - that they were so fresh. Quite a number of perennials are beginning to show their root leaves. I will not stay long enough to see the flowers but I am now myself guessing what they may be. One very distinctly marked

variety of Senecio aureus. is coming on  
so rapidly I may get the flowers -  
I send Lloyd's card on to Mrs Beth. I  
know she will appreciate it.

By referring to the Century Dictionary  
you would - I imagine - get more reliable  
information about the word "cracker"  
than I can give you - It is a  
Savannah word to me - and has been  
for years - I think it was first  
applied to the poor white mountaineers  
of Georgia - but afterwards generically  
to the same class all over the region  
they inhabit - I would not call the  
numerous street loafer who loafs  
about town - above doing any work  
himself but perfectly willing that his  
drudge of a wife should pay his  
Tobacco bills out of her hard earnings  
is the wretched a "cracker" - We have  
fellows of that same sort all the north  
The cracker lives way back in the woods  
- He stays at home I think most of the  
time - When he does go to town he drives  
a little pair of oxen before a light  
rudely constructed wagon in which he  
loads his wife and children -

They have almost no money, whatever,  
If Madame wishes to buy a yard of  
Cordons she goes to town with a live  
chicken - or some eggs tied up in a  
bandkerchief - and expects to barter -  
My dear Lady tells me that they live  
in winter time almost exclusively on a  
coarse corn bread "dodger" and porc  
over which they "pour pork fat" - the  
very poor ~~common~~ food. This is in early  
to see that this supplies hydro-carbons  
to a diet for which fresh meat is  
excluded. For all its present rudeness  
this is an old settled region and  
Cardamine officinalis has been widely  
spread in the mountain. Spring-fed,  
brooks and is tender and succulent all  
through the mild winter

You may well say "what a change  
in our home in Rockford just at  
present" - and water families who has  
the boat down this end of the  
Triangle which separates us "all by  
his lonesome" has on some accounts  
a hard time of it. Only my wife -  
Marta & Frank at home. Thomas Arthur  
was out from Chicago Lincoln's birth day  
and Will was expecting to "see his

ma!" on the 22<sup>d</sup>. Unless spring is unusually delayed I will return about April 1<sup>st</sup>. I shall want to look after my garden by that time.

We have on the whole a rather pleasant "family" of boarders here as Mrs Boutelle. But dear me - from the ground up their estimation of life and its purpose - of conduct - every thing - is so widely different from my own view I begin dissenting there would be no place to stop. As I pass amongst them I fancy for a rather taciturn old gentleman of no very pronounced opinion of his own - who goes off into the woods instead of going down town to "get acquainted with folks" and who ~~has~~ <sup>is</sup> resolutely declines to be entertained by poor little Misses in short dresses. "speaking of pieces".

The post office keeps me in touch with the old life and I shall know well I be when the time comes to turn my face northward.

Cordially

Beth

Demorest's Gazette  
March 3/93

My dear Mr Deane:—

Your connection with notable families in and about Boston which is revealed incidentally now and then in your letters reads like one of Hales stories. And by the way this reminds me that my wife came across a short story of Hales in an old Atlantic—possibly last summer in which he remarks concerning some historical matter—“it is so because Deane says so.” How differently freighted the few words are to us now from what they probably were when we first read them—How very gratified it must be to you—what honest pride you must feel in the conscious recognition of your relationship to those whose names are associated for generation after generation in wise efforts to make the world

in which we live better.

Did I write you - (I write so many different things to so many different persons I never can remember even for a day which was for which) that Chrysogonum virginicum was the first Verbascum plant observed in flower. It struck me as a little singular that the earliest harbinger of Spring should be one of the Compositae - so intimately associated in the prairie with the flower of mid summer and autumn.

So Coulter has been called to the Presidency of Lake Forest University near Chicago. I fancy his energies henceforth will be more and more directed to educational work - with a corresponding decrease of interest in botany. - Well I don't care so much as I once have done a few years ago - when I looked upon Dr Coulter as a possible first

class systematist. He has done fairly well as a compiler, but his original work - that which is really and truly his own and not the appropriated product of a subordinate effort - has never struck me as more than common place. Finally his address before section 7. convinced me that he had not the spirit - let alone the ability - of a D. Gray. - But he is a fellow of acknowledged <sup>character</sup> ~~ability~~ - is ambitious - and I apprehend will find henceforth in educational fields a wider opening.

I have dropped the Baggage this year - Its average tone was to me not helpful - in the contrary direction depressingly - and my only use for such a journal is to find in its monthly visits something of the inspiration which you Cambridge fellows <sup>get</sup> in reverberation. - the lively rebound of conversation -

mutual appreciation of each others  
work -

Mattie was much pleased  
with the letter you wrote her -  
She is a dear, good girl - one of  
the most affectionate, helpful  
daughters that we could find the  
heart of a father

Gracie has been in so steadily  
I am in hopes that when spring  
does come it will come to stay -  
and if so I want to be home  
by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Perhaps prolonging  
my stay for two weeks more would  
be wise. But I intended to go back  
four weeks from now in such  
good time that I will not mind  
being confined to the house for  
a few days when the weather  
is bad - and if it should be good  
there is lots of lots of garden work  
to be done -

Cordially  
Beth



Demorest, Ga

Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> 1903

My dear Mr Deane -

Monday in company with two of my fellow boarders. Mr Hastings an affable old gentleman of about 75 years and his grand daughter - a queer young lady of about Matties age - I visited the neighboring town of Clarksville. We rode over on the noon train and walked back - from the station where we got off up to the town was about a mile which we all decidedly preferred to walk. In fact we began to find ourselves in the more densely populated portion before we had seen any place where we could get a drink and eat our dinner which we had brought with us. Just at this juncture however we came upon a big hotel for summer boarders - quite deserted - so we filled our mugs at the well and ate our lunch on the

broad piazza in front with all the  
nonchalance of genuine southerners.  
Then we went on our way down the  
main street. For it is what we call  
and meet a "string town" built all in  
one street - At the head of this street  
on an eminence - and fronting the  
approach stands the old Court House  
built in 1832 - the oddest structure you  
can imagine - Around it fairly  
swarmed a throng of "natives" and negroes  
- about half & half - and roughly segregated,  
- not intermingling freely. In northern  
Georgia the sessions of the County Court  
are the occasion for as general a  
gathering of the town as is with us in N. H.  
the County fair - The citizen takes a lively  
interest in the administration of the  
law and I am told he is better  
versed in its technicalities than his  
fellow of equivalent standing and  
intelligence at the north - It is a  
quar old town - all falling to pieces -  
has been hit hard, twice - To begin  
with it was a famous resort for

Southerners before the war. who came  
here not so much for the mere pleasure  
of living in a more congenial climate  
from June till frost, but because this  
whole region is entirely exempt from  
intermittent and remittent fevers - and  
a safe retreat was found from the  
malarial - lowland cotton growing  
districts - There are four large hotels  
in this place (closed at this season of year),  
and I don't know how many small  
boarding houses - perhaps a dozen - Now  
to begin with the war impoverished the  
former patrons and the rich southerners  
of the present day - under changed  
conditions - abolition of slavery &c friends  
is more to his liking to go north -  
This alone would have killed the place  
but a second bit of misfortune has  
"killed is dead" - It was in the old  
days "befo' the war" the last point  
that could be comfortably reached by  
horse and carriage - With the building

of the Blue Ridge and Atlantic R. R.  
easy access was had to a much  
higher and every way more attractive  
point namely Talula Falls and thence  
went the remnants of the former  
fragments of Clarksville hotels. Today  
the town is literally deserted. By a piece  
of good luck we had an opportunity of  
looking all through and around an  
old plantation house the finest (with  
our exception) of all the old houses in  
the town. Adjoining this place was the  
former residence of Tombs (he you  
will remember thus wrote he would some  
day "call the roll of his slaves at the foot  
of Bunker Hill monument"). We walked  
through the old garden but did not  
enter the house as it is now owned  
and occupied by a Judge Somebody.  
But the old gardens - Now I would  
have enjoyed strolling longer in their  
neglected paths - Daffodils in great  
branches - here - there - everywhere - looking  
as if they had shifted for themselves  
the last 50 years - *Oxys Japonica* not  
at all pretty with a mass of accumulated

old wood crowding the more recent  
growths - But oh the Box hedges!  
No neglect can impair the neat, trim  
character of this beautiful shrub. How  
I wish I could grow it in Rockford!  
A bed of blue Roman Hyacinths growing  
in the open border was a surprise to  
me. But all over everywhere - over  
the walks - under and along the  
broken down fences - covering the  
borders thus once were - a dense soft  
intricate mat of Japanese honeysuckle  
and Vinca mixed. No grass anywhere -  
no lawn. Clearly the gardeners here  
must work for their grass as we  
must work for our roses. The character-  
istic Southern Town yard is one that  
can be kept clean with a broom!

Well all told me had seven miles of  
continuous (or almost continuous) walking  
so far see there is some go left in  
me yet - As all our friends had  
predicted that we would stay and

come down on the evening, found our arrival at a little past four was greeted with exclamations of genuine surprise. Now said Mr H, as we neared the house "it sounds to me as if you are straggling in - Even if we feel overtaxed and packed as a lot of old stage horses let's come up to the platform with a flourish" and we did. Thought for a fact I was not nearly so tired as I had expected I would be.

I have decided to go home the last week in March or to send my letter to the Democrats after Friday March 1st - as early as you please before that date - No many flowers yet or I would have sent you some -

I had forgotten about the early blooming of Antennaria plantaginifolia - There there are the Dandelions too! The definitions are very amusing. Thanks for letting me share the fun - That last about the "Corydalis" is too funny for any use.

I have sat here at my table this evening and scribbled away at you about a place you never heard of before and in which you may not find the least interest - Simply

my own mistake, I agree to do with everybody. Better.

Demarest - Ga.  
March 23/93

Dear Mr Deam

So our dear old  
friend Vasey has passed  
over to the silent majority.  
He was my first botanical  
friend and correspondent.  
How well I recall this  
first package of plants I  
ever received, and they  
came from his hand -  
Grasses - Sedges and Juncus  
specimens good, bad and  
in different - but oh how  
helpful they were and  
what unmeasured possibilities  
of further accessions they  
opened up before my  
youthful spirit - How much  
I learned from them! How  
rich I was! - I spread them

all out over the furniture -  
- over the piano - over the  
floor and chairs - the look at  
them - and it was Sunday  
at that! - Ah me - since  
then I have had boxes  
2 unpack containing ~~at~~  
~~one~~ ~~just~~ as one single  
acquisition to my herbarium  
3000 specimens not a single one  
of which merited condemnation  
on the score of carders collecting  
but I never was quite so  
set up as by this old  
time sending of D Vaneys -  
We dropped apart in later  
years and I scarcely received  
a letter from him once  
in this years - Having  
said this much in  
a spirit of friendship  
- Calder Campbell me the oak



That Dr. Carey, in my opinion  
was an inferior botanist  
intellectually. His almost  
entire reputation rests on  
skill in wire pulling -  
a certain lack of manliness  
where manliness stood in the  
way of personal advancement  
- and an appropriation  
officially of the good work  
done by subordinates - whereby  
he got himself into a  
prominent position and  
shed himself there - acquiring  
a degree of notoriety for  
any foundation for which  
his actual personal performance  
you may seek in vain -  
A very small man - small  
in stature and small in  
intellect - who yet managed  
to climb up. Who accepted

in fact the very position  
which more than all else  
has given him reputation  
under conditions that more  
than one botanist at the  
time felt in honor bound  
to regard as such that  
a refusal when tender  
was made by the Depart-  
ment was the only  
manly alternative - and  
this went so far that  
Hurben had a stinging  
rebuke to the then Secretary  
of Agriculture in the paper  
he was then editing, entitled  
"Hunted - a botanist!" But  
perhaps you remember well  
about it - or was it before  
you say this, the dismissal  
of D Parry kicked up such  
a row - and I am

I pray for the opportunity  
he was wont to delight  
in - to humiliate a  
clumsy and pompous  
disputant by keen strokes  
of sarcasm - But enough  
of this!

How I wish you could  
have been with me to  
see Taklatch Falls. The  
view far surpassed my  
most extravagant expectations  
- A river flowing in a  
series of falls and cascades  
varying in height from a  
few feet to 85 and 90 feet  
each - all down in the  
bottom of a chasm 800 to  
1200 feet deep! If you look  
down over a sheer perpendicular  
wall of granite 800 ft  
on the river below -

The water is a lovely sea  
green color except when it  
is broken into white spray  
in tumbling over rocks.  
- The chasm is not strictly  
a cañon worn out by the  
river itself. This is, I should  
say, partly, this and partly  
a gigantic rift in the  
rocks. I went down to the  
foot of Tempest's fall  
a sheer leap of 80 feet - a  
grand spot - and afterwards  
climbed back, with a guide  
up the cliff 800 feet - Pretty  
good for me! And I feel  
next day like an old cavalry  
horse turned loose to rest  
after a hard days work.

Hanna's regards to Mrs. Deane  
But a corker I can beat her, in  
a straight walk - down hill -

Bellevue  
Evening Creek

Rockford Ill.  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 93

My dear Mr Deane: -

I got home just in  
the nick of time! No need of  
staying down in Georgia with  
such weather prevailing in  
Northern Illinois as we have  
had since April 1<sup>st</sup>! And my  
bird hasnt garden work kept  
me on the jump - with a list in  
my pocket of things that must  
be done without delay and a  
longer list of things that could  
wait for a day or two - I have  
stayed out every evening till I  
had to quit on account of not  
being able to see - and this  
brought me close on the way

bed time - namely 8 o'clock - Too  
tired to write letters though I  
read with pleasure letters  
written by others and thoughts of  
things to say in reply which  
only the lack of vis vitae keeps  
from being put on paper -

I appreciated both the Demon  
farewell and the home greeting -  
- the former timed to reach me  
only a few hours before my  
departure. the latter handed  
me by my wife - my first  
letter here - and your last  
dated April 7<sup>th</sup> suggests much  
to write in reply when I feel  
less hurried. I do want to  
tell you more about Talullah  
Falls. Why! if this grand spot  
were in the Northern states it

would have been known the world  
over. It is, not the "high falls"  
for Tempestia the highest of the  
series is only 85 ft. but it is the  
deep chasm in which the falls  
and rapids are set. There is a  
tower 3 stories high at the foot of  
Tempestia to give a start in the  
climb up where the face of the  
cliff affords no safe footing. How  
dare try to imagine it. But do just  
what I tell you. Take a cord or  
litter envelope and against some  
chain or iron joint let this cord  
measure <sup>from the floor</sup> the fifty feet of the tower.  
The cliff rises 750 above still. That is  
15 times the width of your measure.  
Tempestia will be once and a half the  
width. Now from the first measure  
to represent the height of the tower

go on up 15 times more and you  
will get some realizing sense  
of the relative depth of the Chasm  
to which is in reality a very  
grand water fall. Even taken by  
itself. Fallulah River is one of the  
head waters of the Savannah.

When I am less hurried I will  
try to recall the circumstances  
attending Dr Parry's dismissal from  
the Agricultural Div of the Patent Office.  
- though my story will lose all its  
point if I can not recd the  
correspondence between Dr Parry and  
the then Commissioner. Unfortunately  
I have forgotten in just about  
periodical the correspondence was  
published. This is only an  
apology for a letter - sometimes  
I may make amends for present  
delinquencies - and at any rate I  
thank my stars for a least one  
correspondent who does not hold me

Self  
Credibly  
- which account -  
the a



Landerdale Lake

Sunday Morning

July 16<sup>th</sup> / 93

My dear friend Deane

I admit it all. I  
admit it all! I feel as Darwin  
did when his attention was called  
to the number of Capital I's in  
the first paragraph of the Origin of  
Species "I acknowledge the damnable  
fact!" But like every other  
delinquency I soothe my perturbed  
conscience by promising to do better  
- again to make amends and therefore  
he is known. Thus in my present  
earnestly entertained purpose this  
letter is but the precursor of others  
to follow till I shall have done  
more than meet your repentance - It  
has taken an effort to begin. I  
had to get my old stylograph  
down and wash in all out. Refill  
it with fresh ink and bump it  
on the table a dozen times to make  
it give down. Then I had to hunt  
up paper and envelopes and what

out. But I am well ready now - and  
going as you see. There have  
been times, in years gone by,  
when I have felt that my friends  
might have had occasion to  
suspect a more or less violent  
seizure of Coccyzus scrofa. To  
which I am liable. But there  
seems no immediate danger of  
relapse just at present.

For a few days just before we  
left Rockford I was not at all well  
- had rather overworked in some  
directions I feared. As to this statement  
may appear - and it was decreed  
that when we got up to the lakes  
I was to give up everything  
absolutely - and try the "real cure"  
for a week. The "treatment" was  
not hard to take, and seems to  
have been efficacious. The work  
is esp. to mention. But instead of  
claiming days of grace. I am  
quite ready to anticipate full  
cure by twenty four hours - and  
I had fully promised myself that  
the very first thing I did some

for the winter a letter to you - or  
rather to write the introduction -  
as it were to a series

There are 9 new cottages - building  
or already occupied around one  
end of the lake - this summer -  
And the "Rockford Camp" is just as  
quiet and secluded as ever - if not  
more so. For Mr Wheeler the present  
owner of the hotel, has given the  
frankers very distinctly to understand  
that they can not come onto the pro-  
perty hitch their horses to the trees and  
then go prowling about ad libitum  
over other people's premises - which  
is a great relief to us -

Mattie read a letter from  
you yesterday with which she  
is greatly pleased - so was I too  
in fact - like hearing from  
you directly when I did not receive  
any such pleasure -

I am so glad to know that  
you are coming to the Fair  
in September - of course you will  
tell yourself not in about three  
days - everybody does that at first -

and will need a rest. It is only  
2 1/2 hours out to Rockford - and a  
convenient train out in the  
evening - so you will come out  
and rest up with us and then  
go back again when you feel  
like going. What a pleasure!  
I can scarcely realize that it is  
impossible to have it - so very near  
at hand! I wish you could  
have had the little place the  
prospective time in your case. I  
was so interested in it. I was  
then, the person must come  
up in the hospital, of the  
recovery from the same ones.  
The "stairway" with such a light, and  
only a few steps - sorry that it seems to  
be arranged that you are to come  
down - must take that subject for  
consideration in some future letter.  
Well! I must not write any more  
and at the start - this note, that I  
am a little worried at the business  
just now - but so will serve its purpose  
of conveying the assurance of the  
kindness and esteem of your old

Landisale, Wis

July 20<sup>th</sup>  
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My dear friend Deane:—

"Like the illustrious Macaulay" once more I stand erect before my fellow man! There is not an unanswered letter left in my portfolio barring three sent by one Walter Deane. and these I will now read over again from in hand.

We all enjoyed immensely the reminiscence of your early life—written on the approach of your 45<sup>th</sup> birth day. As we grow older such recollections acquire a rare charm. I think I have explained to you how I was fascinated by Howells Boys Town. because I happened to be one of the "other boys" who inhabited the town at the same time. But Howells account of boy-life in Boston fifty years ago I found scarcely less interesting, and your story fits in with this as it were

only being belonging to a later date.  
But why did you - as if an adept  
in story telling for a periodical  
week of light in the north  
interesting facts. How did you  
wound your wife? - You will never  
know - but in its vacation and  
your herbaceous enriched with pretty  
much everything growing along the  
"Concord river excepting" young Portulacas  
to tell us all about it!

Your account of the Herb. Herb  
interested me. I've just <sup>seen</sup> such! In  
speaking of the Boott coll. of Carices  
do you refer to the Francis Boott coll.  
I thought this was disposed of years  
and years ago. In fact my Carex  
Cephaloides Dew. with Dewey's autograph  
label - and locality given "Rocky Mtns"  
is from Boott's Herb. I wrote to  
Barley about it but he never gave  
me any answer of any kind - The  
plant is - of course - both in position  
and technical character -  
= C. gracilis Barley - And speaking of  
Carices I'm not going to say a  
word to disturb your comfortable

belief that you have the finest  
collection of the Mammal species in  
the country - I don't doubt but  
that you have - But I do believe  
that your hunts has gathered in  
their native haunts more of the  
Mammal species than any Hunter  
now living - This is a matter of  
fortune rather than sagacity and  
industry - At the very beginning of  
my career as an insane collector  
I had my attention turned to the  
Carries by Bondwell & Vasey - For ten  
years I explored a very rich locality  
in N. Ills. - then for several years  
my home was in Southern Illinois  
- then for eight years in Washington  
with the summers spent in Maryland  
- in all which time I was  
an enthusiastic Carriedmaniac -  
- Do you observe that I took  
practically the 4 corners of the  
old Mammal district and so far as  
Carries are concerned made a  
clean sweep - excepting the few  
alpines - and a few species of  
very local distribution

Now here comes a batch of questions - designed I fancy to give a sluggish intellect a boost and set it going on a little - The "household" - Will we have had Will with us for a week and fathering six at the family board or has he become almost like old times - He left us yesterday - He is editing a country paper in Minnesota, and has a good business - job work included - but is sorely tried just at present on account of the difficulty of making collections. Mrs B and Mattie are both in very good health and spirits - so that the male portion of the camp feel some degree of relief - least we might be putting too much on the shoulders of our housekeepers - or letting them take too much - which amounts to the same thing! - David our factotum here - remarked one day when he was helping us fill the ice box - "you folks have too much diet" - The "garden" was in "apple pie order" when I left - gardeners know how it may look by this



time - I engaged a man to mow  
the lawn but would sooner risk  
"letting alone" than have a cold  
Irishman turned loose in the  
borders without supervision - Walter  
is going down to Portland to see to  
things next week - My "health" well  
that is hard to tell - I eat well &  
sleep well and so according to the  
dicta of old hard headed doctors there  
ought to be nothing the matter  
with me - but that confirmed bron-  
chitis bothers me talking more  
than it used to - Just think - if  
you should come to visit me -  
and I not be able to talk!!

For fear something might get away  
from close with our various claims  
"all other interesting facts" -

Mr Hollenbeck, our neighbor, caught  
last evening a Pike weighing 18 lbs  
- That is just at present the most  
exciting event that has "transpired"  
in camp - Our little Frank  
however caught yesterday a fish  
weighing 8 lbs and landed it  
himself - and his excitement

over the event was quite equal  
to that of Mr H. with his 18 pounder.  
I wish I could divide with you a  
huge bunch of Turks Cap Lobes  
which stood on the table before me -  
- a whole armful - Walter and Mattie  
brought them in from the big marsh -  
They reminded me of the profusion of  
Horn we used to see on the prairies  
everywhere thirty years ago.

I have a nephew in Chicago -  
a fine young fellow - carefully  
nurtured by a sensible mother -  
- a perfect gentleman - who intends  
to go to Harvard A a year from  
now - I have thought that in many  
ways your advice might be of  
great help to him. He is not the  
kind of boy at all who would make  
himself intrusive - May I give  
him a letter of introduction to  
you? - when he goes -

Now I am at the bottom of my  
sixth page and not a word about  
your coming to the Fair in Sept  
That will give me a text for  
No 3 -

Cordially - as ever I take

Three day after day,  
with great satisfaction  
to himself - and the  
instrument of the  
chain produces no doubt  
but what of that for a  
few days in a life  
time. In any day that  
I spend at the Fair  
hereafter I do not  
propose to walk "three  
miles" - nor anything  
approaching that distance.  
It is not the walking  
that tires people  
anyway. I am satisfied  
of that. It is the  
tremendous mental  
effort - taking in

Lancaster Mass. W's  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup>  
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My dear Deane -

For my own  
use I desire to  
know. I no more  
than yet fairly started  
away from me may be  
before I run up against  
the other and who is  
with spacing my words  
and keeping a sharp  
look out that I don't  
run off altogether I  
really have no mind  
left for anything  
else - The present  
therefore is no attempt

in any way, should  
in answer to answer  
your special letter  
if that I must only as  
the one brief paragraph.

I beg of you not to  
be so - your visit  
to Chicago as "Institute".

You would not waver,

You can <sup>not</sup> afford to  
let the opportunity  
go by unimproved -

I fear that along with  
a great many other  
more sensitive people  
of New England you  
are permitting a feeling

of abating the control  
of our judgment. If  
difficulties stand in  
the way brush them  
aside - pull the whole  
miserable business down  
on your head - see the  
Worlds Fair - and

Clear away the debris  
afterward - And bring  
Mrs Deane with you.

I know of one lady  
living in Buffalo  
so much of an invalid  
that she had to be  
carried everywhere -  
who yet visited the

Can show you some  
interesting Willows.

We have all enjoyed  
our outing this  
summer and are more  
than ever satisfied that  
Goulds Lake is  
just the place for us.  
Garrison is just a  
re-visit of Chicago -  
Delaware is crowded -  
lack of retirement and  
offers no instruments  
except to "excite, people."  
Goulds Lake is quiet,  
scenic - picturesque - and  
yet we are within easy  
reach of supplies.

Cordially as ever  
Both.

by the hour intellectual  
excitement that our  
voluntary experience  
would be spent over  
yours. Come - both  
of you - and for your  
debating whether it  
was a wise move  
or not after you  
get back to Boston.

Our own plans have  
as yet taken no  
very definite shape.  
We will probably "break  
camp" Aug 30<sup>th</sup>. There  
is talk of my taking  
Frank into Chicago  
in the week following.

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> so that he  
may see more of  
the Fair and return  
to Portland in time  
for the opening of  
School. Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

After that the rest of  
we can come and  
go as appears at  
the time most  
convenient.

I shall be disappoint-  
ed if we do not have  
your books "all to our  
own selves" for a few  
days. Albeit we  
have little to offer

but a most cordial  
welcome - You will  
find us living in  
a very modest - eco-  
nomical sort of way.  
and many take our  
domestic establishment,  
if you will, as a  
survivor of the  
simplicity of western  
life "befo' the war"  
My barbarian two-lie  
its owner - has not been  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - and is a  
good deal faded - as  
our old things are  
apt to be - though I

Illness - but I am writing,  
in the midst of a  
dise and my mind is  
a good deal improved -

Hoping soon to have  
the pleasure of shaking  
hands and then in  
encountering your old  
western correspondent  
you may not have a  
recurrence of the let  
down that Mr Lloyd gave  
you I remain

Cordially yours  
J. E. H.

6627 Harvard St  
Englewood, Ills.  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> / 93

Dear Mr Deane

Now I write to  
you at all in the last  
week or ten days. I would  
probably have written a  
letter every day and each  
one would have cancelled  
all plans - appointments  
and expectations set forth  
in the previous twenty four  
hours. Even up to the very  
day before I left Stockholm  
I would have said that  
I would not be in Chicago  
during the month of September  
yet here I am - the story

through this week anyway  
and possibly much longer.  
I have not time for  
explanations - but the  
facilitates our meeting  
I venture to make the  
following appointment  
in hopes that it will be  
interesting with your plans -

I will be across the  
big tree in the Government  
building Thursday of this  
week at 11 o'clock A.M. & 12 M.  
If I find the meet you within  
a few minutes of the  
appointed time I will <sup>be</sup> meet  
there again at 12 M. Friday  
This last alternative to  
guard against the possibility

of this letter failing to  
reach your hands in  
time Thursday morning -  
Finally, if all these  
plans miscarry I will  
try to call upon you at  
the residence of your  
parents on Deacons St.  
Monday <sup>of next week</sup> evening at 8 P.M.  
~~Saturday~~  
I have a sister living now  
far away and I will  
want to see her and so  
will not find it at all  
inconvenient to stand you  
up. I hope this is enough  
to insure our meeting  
somewhere - and that I  
have not left anything  
doubtful in attempting to



926 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup> /93

My dear friend Deane -

Too bad. too bad!

sick and away from home - Not  
able to see the Fair after all. Our  
hopes of having you here with us  
for a few days and our disappointment  
that you can not come though meaning  
much to us. I have sense and  
sympathy enough I trust to sink to  
their proper degree of consideration in  
comparison with all the rest which you  
had counted upon and found yourself  
compelled to forego. If I had only known!  
I spend Sunday night at my sisters -  
Mrs John P. Reynolds - within three blocks of  
where you were - I thought, as it was - of  
calling but deemed it more than likely  
that if I did so I would intrude upon  
some family gathering - And to think of  
my dragging you along the weary length  
of all this row of pictures of old locomotives  
which mean nothing if you could not go back  
later and see the locomotives themselves -

I only hope - as so often is the case  
in the ordinary affairs of life - that  
out of common place events and commonplace  
talk there may nevertheless <sup>have risen</sup> ~~come up~~  
a grateful atmosphere of friendship  
and fellow-feeling.

I met Wheeler afterwards in the  
Michigan Educational Exhibit and he spoke  
very warmly of you and was hoping  
to be able to meet you.

Mattie came in Sunday - as was  
expected but we only had Monday & Tuesday  
following at the Fair together. Then one  
received a telegram that Bina was home  
for a few days visit and thus our  
plans went by the board too for we  
came out to Rockford and left the Fair  
for a later day.

I would fain hope that long ere  
this letter reaches your hands you will  
have taken a turn for the better and  
by availing yourself of the services of  
a chain picker have seen the Fair after  
all. Let me have a card from you soon.

But after all it is too bad that  
coming so near I did not after have the  
pleasure of entertaining you in my own home.

I must believe enough to come across me - I have my photograph of every one I care -

your fraternal  
Yours, Mrs. B.  
I am almost sure I will see you.

926 Grand Ave  
Princeton Ill  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 93

My dear friend Leone:—

I am in no mood  
to write excuses and you wouldn't  
care a rap for them anyway.  
Let me assure you I could  
elaborate a formidable story if  
I were to sit about it. So please  
be magnanimous and consider  
me excused.

I read your letter aloud and  
there was a fairly expression of  
sympathy with you in your  
most trying experience. I am  
glad that withal you saw  
so much of the Fair but the  
feeling of regret that we did not  
have you here for a few days

only deepens with time. It was  
very selfish - I felt that all along -  
for we had little to offer but a  
warm hearty welcome - and there was  
so much to drive every one to  
sacrifice every other consideration to  
the one purpose of seeing as much  
as possible of the Fair while it lasted.  
- For <sup>we all</sup> ~~we~~ felt at bottom that it was  
only a fleeting illusion - A monument  
of lath and plaster erected to the  
honor of Columbus was only a little  
more realistic than one of painted  
canvas seen on the stage! - But  
to think of you having been so  
near - and the fates against us so  
that one could not quite pull you  
out the rest of the way! Come to  
Chicago some time when there is  
no Fair and I shall have no  
scruples - And write just long

violent hands upon you and  
compel a stay for longer or shorter  
at the home of the Betts.

My plans for the winter are a  
good deal unsettled. It has been  
two years since I have mounted any  
material for the herbarium and there  
has been quite a little accumulation  
of material - especially of Salices - This  
"dead work" may stir up the old  
spirit of winter study - Besides I  
have half a dozen or more collections  
submitted for determination from all  
over the country and these I intend to  
dispose of next week - One <sup>each</sup> from Newfound-  
land - Ohio - Minnesota - Montana - Washington  
- Lower California. so I am likely to  
have my old pets kept in mind -  
being driven as it were - not of a  
sense of obligation to others - etc

refresh my knowledge if it grows  
rusty - To the list I may add one  
which Bailey intends to send. of  
Cultivated Plants -

As regards Bailey - what a  
drop in the character of "American  
Gardening"! I have only received  
a single "sample copy" under the  
new management - and am not  
sorry that my subscription expired  
in September, - Glad that Bailey is  
out of it for he is working too  
hard - Even now he has too many  
wars in the fire and would probably  
serve the world to better advantage  
if he undertook less and husbanded  
his strength for a longer period  
of service -

Cordially

W. L. Webb

946 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1933

My dear Mr Deane:—

I send you by mail  
some fragments - "breeches pocket  
specimens" as Dr Torrey used to call  
them - of a Crucifer found by my  
son Robert near a grain elevator in  
Chicago last summer. Probably an  
importation from the West. Can you  
tell me what it is? I felt quite  
smart when I first tackled it and  
was going to trace it home to its  
lair in an easy off hand manner  
as much as to say that if I had been  
fussing over Willows only for ever so  
long I had it quite lost the run of  
general botany - But I did it yet a  
name for the thing after all - The  
material I send may be insufficient  
- no ripe seeds - in which case do not  
bother over it.

I have been working up a  
collection of Willows, this morning,  
made by Mr Rose in the Yellowstone  
National Park last summer. It brings  
a smile to my face to think how  
familiar I am, comparatively, with  
the Willows of all North America and  
how ignorant I am outside of  
that little field?

What do you think of the projected  
Systematic Botany of North America  
by Britton, Greene, Coulter, Mendenhall  
and so on?

We are having some ~~good~~ winter  
weather for Thanksgiving. Thermometer  
this morning - 0 - ground all covered  
with snow. Have scarcely struck my  
nose out of doors in three days. That's  
why I am dabbling in botany. -

Some family talk about sending  
me south again this winter. But I shall  
wait and see how I stand the climate  
here before I pack out - give up heat -  
and run away from home - from wife  
children - friends. Best wishes - everything ~~well~~  
Cordially, Debb



926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Decr. '93

My dear Mr Doane: -

I have been trying to think of something I could do for you this Christmas "my own work" as Mattie makes dolls for her friends - "fancy work" as it were, and it occurred to me that I would send you a sketch of Salix Arctica. Pallas concerning which you once helped me so efficiently to collect data for a Willow Note. The sketch is copied from a tracing in my herbarium of a specimen in Herb. A. Gray. I do not know what you can do with it when you get it - unless you fold it up and use it as an illustration pertaining to the "Note" aforesaid.

Of late years I have made a good many such outline sketches or tracings and only

regret that I did not begin to  
do so sooner - When a rare  
herbarium specimen happens to  
be in my possession for a  
brief space of time - then to  
be returned to the owner, when  
I make it henceforth permanently  
my own - for all practical  
purposes in this way. When the  
time comes to give it a careful  
examination I first of all  
put the sheet up to the window  
and trace or copy everything  
- outlines of the plant itself -  
every word and scratch printed or  
written - just as they appear on  
the herbarium sheet. Then comes  
the use of hot water and low  
power microscope and the studies  
that would need to be made any  
way I record on my own sheet -  
together with all facts - to the  
extent of perhaps needless prolixity  
- which the sketch does not show  
- such as venation - texture &c. &c.  
At first I began by making

"notes" but I was often vexed  
after the plant had passed and  
I may have to find that I  
had made a note of something  
unimportant and failed to set  
down the very thing I most needed  
afterwards to recall. The tracings  
are much better - are easily and  
quickly made - and go right into  
the genus cover where they belong.  
Try it sometime!

Sometimes I dream of getting  
back into botanical work - all  
over - collecting. revising my  
Herb. substituting better for  
old inferior specimens - writing  
dozens of little notes for  
publication about hybrid thistles  
and hybrid violets - a - n - d -  
hybrid willows - about the folly  
of "finding numbers for an  
amateur's use" (shutting off me

of the very best uses he ever  
gets from working over a  
general herbarium & writing  
a Monograph of North American  
Salices - and goodness knows  
what else besides. But alas  
when I get up and try it  
- just tentatively in one  
direction or another - I find  
as Old Swindan - an Irish  
farm hand once said to me  
"I'm short in the puff - Sir"

With ~~the~~ wishing you  
and yours a Merry  
Christmas I remain as  
ever Cordially your friend  
W. S. B. B.

926 Grand Ave  
Pittsford N.Y.  
Dec 28<sup>th</sup> /93

My dear Mr Deane:-

I was glad to receive the pretty little calendar - knowing as well as I do the spirit which prompted the sending. I will carry it south with me to date letters by - almost the only use I shall have for dates - I fancy - in the place where I am going - Clearwater Harbor, a little place on the Gulf Coast just north of Tampa - very near Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Your letter of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> has been riding around two long in that receptacle for unmailed letters the breast pocket of my coat.

I felt sure that Robs plant was  
a Resyntherium but could find  
nothing like it in my herbarium -  
I can remember now that some very  
poor specimens received long ago  
were relegated to the limbo of  
material too poor for mounting. to  
be held in hopes of getting better.  
If I had only had the presumption to  
consult Hooker or Benthams! but  
then I would have missed Dr  
Robinsons authoritative determination.

The reference <sup>after the great London fire</sup> to its appearance  
led me to consult an old folio  
Botanical Dictionary of Martynus  
published about one hundred years  
ago - and here I found the circum-  
stances described in detail -  
The plant is said to have covered  
the ruins with such a dense  
growth that it might have

been moved like grain in a  
field. I judge from what Bentham  
says of its distribution in Britain  
that ~~it~~ <sup>that plant</sup> is only found in or near  
a few large cities - a sort of  
compartment in habit as it were  
with Chenopodium rubrum - Strange  
that any plant should find in  
any such environment - the area  
of least resistance - the place  
where it could best live its own  
in the struggle for existence -

I mounted quite a little  
pile of Salices - and enjoyed  
it too - also enough Miscellanea  
to fully make up for two years  
discards! Ah my dear fellow  
after that barbarism of yours  
lets to be forty years it'd  
you will find that you can

not explain a few more even  
any when without good reason  
to apprehend that you will come  
across more or less rubbish -  
better and than in. for the looks  
of the whole. And when the pile  
of such things gets to be 6 or 8  
inches thick you begin to feel  
bad about it and feel <sup>some</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>out</sup>  
obligated to find something back -  
in lieu thereof.

I leave Chicago Jan 2 via  
"Evansville Route" - Nashville - Chattanooga  
Atlanta - Jacksonville - Here I took the  
steamer on the river as far as Sanford  
and then cross over via the Orange  
Belt R.R. to Clearwater.

Write to me

Care of David Starr Esq  
Clearwater Harbor  
Florida

Wishing you & yours a Happy New  
Year I remain as ever Cordially  
Yours  
B. M.



Clearwater Harbor

Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 193

(By the Deane Coleman)

My dear Mr Deane

Your letter intended  
for a word of "Good By" I  
read as a greeting upon  
my arrival here -

Imagine me swinging  
in a hammock under a  
group of divine Oaks - looking  
up through the spaces between  
green leaves and Spanish  
Moss to a sky clear blue and  
absolutely cloudless. Holding  
my hat with one hand over  
my eyes to screen them from  
the glint of the rays which

fall upon me as I sway back  
& forth - too bright and too hot for  
my unacclimated sense - thermometer  
in the shade  $80^{\circ}$  - Group of noisy  
girls bathing in the surf - flocks  
of noisy black birds in the trees

At first I had to get over  
a feeling of disappointment that  
tropical scenery was not "perpetual  
spring" nor "perpetual summer"  
- far from either - but I am  
learning to like it - to take it  
"straight" - as the old Ga. woman  
said she preferred her whiskey  
"as God Almighty made it"

Excuse a short letter this  
time as I have not recovered  
from the fatigue of my  
journey.

kindest regards to  
Mrs Deane - Cordially, Beth

Clearwater Harbor, Fla

Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1934

Dear Mr Deane: -

It is raining - a gentle - steady - copious rain which will do a great deal of good. It is the first rain I have seen since I came here - in fact the rainfall for January up to yesterday was 2.12 inches less than the normal, while the temperature has been far above the normal. I am glad that I encountered such exceptionally delightful weather for I really begin to hope that I have been benefited by it.

Two northerners were discussing Florida - gave out the first "The Climate of Florida is worth a

Hundred dollars an acre but the soil isn't worth a d-m" That's a fact" responded A. L. "Why if any fellow is planted in this soil - when Gabriel blows his last trumpet - he will not come up unless he has been fertilized."

But I must read your letter -  
pen in hand first and scatter  
after that. What a wise man  
you are to limit your hortarium  
to the Manual Regum. Concentrating  
your efforts in this way the  
work without becoming really  
burdensome so as to sink the  
botanist in the mere curator  
gives you at the same time motive  
of the greatest possible use for  
study. I enjoyed the sermon  
on "Recycling" and after  
reading sent it home.

I can not tell you anything at all about the flowering season of *Phoradendron*. It does not occur in this vicinity - but I plan to stop for a few weeks at Demorest on my way north next spring and it is just possible that I may be able to get it in flower there - It was common enough in the vicinity a few years ago but the trees have been stripped of it for Christmas greens except as a few little branches may have escaped the general onslaught - As I was coming down I saw huge bunches of it in the Sycamore trees along the Tennessee river. In one instance I counted 11 bunches each of which I estimated to be of the size of a half bushel measure or one three!

Will you please inquire for me  
of the head gardener at the Botanic  
Garden - or of any body likely  
to know such things what the  
botanical name is of a tree  
called the "New Zealand Wattle" It  
is from here. but I have not seen  
it. said to be a very beautiful  
tree - My friends here want to  
learn something more about it -  
- Do not go out of your way at all  
but only if the chance comes please  
remember -

I had a rather severe attack  
of nervous depression immediately  
after my arrival which pulled  
me down a good deal but I am  
on the mend now. and hope to  
continue - What a long summer  
I am to have beginning in  
January. Kindest regards to  
Mrs Deane - Cordially Mrs Burt

Cleburne Harbor, Fla  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 94

Mr Deane:-

I have heard of  
the "Wattle" in  
places where it will  
be found. There  
is a  
few large.

Yes the "Wattle" is  
an Acacia! Mr Starr took me  
a drive of three miles to see the  
tree. It is a beauty. 20 ft high -  
15 ft spread of branches - and  
leafy from the ground up - The  
amazing thing to me is the  
positive assertion of the  
gentleman who brought the  
seed from New Zealand that  
the tree before me had grown  
in 4 years! from a little  
seedling set out in January  
in January '90 - You may  
have difficulty - The genus is  
abundant in species - and in

recognizing the precise specific  
identity of the plants, from the  
leaves alone. But if I mist. I  
not. There are specimens in my  
own herbarium - of the very same  
thing, from a cultivated New  
Zealand tree. It is probably  
a tree in common cultivation  
there. However it is not a  
matter of any importance  
since it is apparent enough  
already that the plant is not  
known "to the trade" and people  
hereabouts who want to grow  
the tree will simply have to  
wait till the one already  
as well known begins to  
bear seed -

I had not known of S. Munro's



sickness till I read of it in  
your letter. and am glad to  
learn from your postals of  
later date that he was "more  
comfortable"

Had I been granted the  
privilege before leaving home  
of asking for such things  
as might serve to render  
a fine months exile endurable  
I would not have had the  
audacity to name many  
delightful experiences which  
have actually come unsought.  
The family here are very musical  
Mr. Starr plays the violin well  
and reads classical music  
with exceptional care and  
accuracy. His sister Miss Genevieve  
- a winter visitor like myself

is an accomplished pianist -  
a Miss North (who is governess  
in Col Yocum's family not  
head and shoulders above her  
employers so far as culture  
is concerned) is a very fine  
singer - She comes in almost  
every evening and we have  
music of the very best - Beethoven  
Mendelssohn - Schubert - and all the  
worthies - alone - Last night  
they got hold of an album of  
Reubenstein duets - Miss Woer-  
sing in the leading part -  
Mr Starr playing the contralto  
with Miss Lescroart at the piano -  
- I assume you it was fine - I  
have many a time paid much  
prices for a less enjoy able  
musical evening -

Remember me kindly to  
Mrs Deane -  
Yours ever Bobb

Clearwater Harbor. Fla

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 54

My dear Anne.

I send in the same  
mail with this some fragments,  
specimens of the leaves of that  
Acacia - called here "New Zealand  
Wattle". I doubt if they will enable  
you to even approximately identify  
the species - Nor do I much  
care. My object at first was to  
ascertain the name so that if  
possible my friend Mr. Stear  
might purchase a surviving tree  
of it somewhere. But I have  
looked over the Catalogues of  
all the leading growers of sub-  
tropical plants and the few

Acacias mentioned by them I know  
- and know to be different from  
this tree -

How thankful I am to  
have seen clear evidence the sweep  
of that terrible storm which struck  
Chicago with such unprecedented  
force - I hate cold weather - but  
more of all I hate a cold wind.  
Eighty five miles an hour! Thank  
of it! Here spring has really  
come. One of the most noticeable  
changes - one which has taken me  
most by surprise was that which  
has taken place in the water lilies.  
Three weeks ago only they were  
densely clothed with thick dark  
green leaves - which showed not  
the least sign of being annually  
deciduous. But as soon as the  
fresh growth started - and the

heavy seas on account of the line  
of Keys which separate the bay  
from the Gulf. After supper  
we have music - I think I  
told you about it - piano - violin -  
vocal - Beethoven - Mendelssohn - Schubert  
Schumann - Rautenstrauch - all the  
worthies - rendered in a genuinely  
artistic manner -

The general climate is  
ideal to my non old throat -  
and I feel first rate - What a  
long summer I am going  
to have! I plan to go out  
to Demorest and spend a few  
weeks there on my way home  
but am not altogether decided -

Kindest regards to Mrs  
Deane -

Yours sincerely  
W. L. Webb

blissous and young leaves begin  
to push out at the tips of the  
branches. I am come every last  
old leaf. I am in showers - and  
now the trees in landscape  
affect every way. Present just the  
appearance we see in the Scarlet  
bark in spring time is the. The  
same color - the same thin spray  
of just expanding leaf & flower.

The weather here is simply  
ideal. I am weary of rowing  
about it. As I write there is  
absolutely not a cloud to be  
seen in the deep blue sky - the  
tops of the trees are stirred by a  
gentle breeze. Thermometer in the  
shade 74°. Toward evening we  
take charming rides on the water  
either by rowing or sailing -  
being perfectly safe from all

Cleawater Harbor Fla  
March 27/94

My dear Mr Deane -

Alas I have let slip  
the opportunity of a life time to  
display my knowledge of the world  
returning! I thought that I remembered  
that Acacia - and its name too -  
his was afraid of airing my  
ignorance instead of my knowledge.  
The way it came to be so familiar  
is this - I have a very fine  
specimens from Tasmania and I  
have been in the habit of showing  
it as an illustration of the normal  
development of the foliage of Acacias  
in contrast with the phyllodius - One  
of my stock show prices when I  
have some body to entertain who wants  
to "see my bushisms" - However it  
is better to have fine independent  
judgments and I am consoled -

Many thanks for your kind  
services in this regard. I am  
surprised to learn that the plant  
can be cultivated in the open as  
far north as Philadelphia - but I  
will be bound it does not grow  
five feet per annum in that  
latitude. Here it is one of the  
most beautiful trees I ever saw -  
its peculiar charm being enhanced  
by the contrast with more formal  
American types. The foliage is so  
or soft, dense and feathery - that  
while individual sprays are seen to  
be almost fern like the total  
effect is that of a mass casting  
a deep shadow. The tree top is  
very symmetrically uniform being  
clumpy. I will visit it again for  
I do not remember the silver  
varieties.

Last winter I carted a lot of



dries down to Georgian which I  
never so much as once used -  
This time I brought less and now  
I wish I had four times over the  
quantity - Nor can I get any thing  
close to me as a substitute -  
However I think it is very likely  
that Mrs Bobb will come with  
me next winter and that we will  
rent a small house and do  
"light housekeeping" in which  
event I shall feel like collecting  
freely for the benefit of friends  
as well as myself -

In my morning walk yesterday  
I came across a saucer shaped  
sink hole with a pool of water in  
the centre - Around the sandy margin  
of the pool grew plentifully a  
pretty little southern Doorea  
which I have before received from  
Canby and others - It was just

beginning to send up no flower-  
stock and will be in good condition  
for specimens a fortnight hence.

There is a wild spot within  
walking distance of the village  
known as "Witches Gulch". It is  
not truly a gulch in any ordinary  
acceptation of that term. But the  
bed of a creek near the coast -  
very near - which has been silted  
up by the action of the waves  
long years ago and now ~~it~~ is  
overgrown with a wild, luxuriant  
subtropical vegetation - tortuous  
trunks draped in Spanish Moss -  
branches bent down and many of  
them broken under a weight of  
air plants - mainly the more robust  
species of Tillandsia - with a dense  
and almost impenetrable undergrowth  
of low Palmettos and Spanish bay nets  
(Yucca). In one spot several rods

in extent from the most stately  
Fern I have ever seen in its  
native wilds. The fertile grounds  
were densely covered all over the  
under surface with brown spores  
so that the two surfaces green  
and brown made a striking  
contrast. and as I made my  
way into the temple I found  
that they stood two feet above  
my head. I had not realized  
that such a fern growth existed  
in a wild state. anywhere within  
the limits of the United States.

Now I would enjoy a trip to  
Boston - to see you and your  
dear wife in your own home -  
and Mr Rand with his  
"charming" mate and all the  
rest. Dear! Dear! Now res

any just Doni does interfere  
with the things we would like  
to do.

I like to get letters from  
Oscar - He does warm me  
so refreshingly on the nomenclature  
question - and always writes  
so enthusiastically about his  
favorites Not Dearth.

A pleasant letter from Constance  
a few days ago - He is coming to  
visit me after I get back - It  
will be a rare pleasure to entertain  
a real, live botanist - Don gave me  
the slip - I forgive you only  
don't let the like happen again -

Very sincerely yours  
Orlando B. Brown

After March 21<sup>st</sup> my address  
will be Bon-rush, Georgia  
I shall leave the green woods  
of Southern Florida with regret-  
but am glad nevertheless that  
the time is so near when I  
shall see you & return. If  
the mild weather continues I  
may be in Stockyard by the  
middle of May, Truly  
Yours

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Mr. Walter Deane  
7 Bowster St.  
Cambridge  
Mass

Danvers, Ca.  
March 27/44

My dear Mr. Lane:—

Your letter of the  
18<sup>th</sup> directed to Clearwater and  
forwarded of the 24<sup>th</sup> came to me  
this morning in yesterday's mail—  
You see you can not calculate  
the orbit of Uncle Sam's mail  
very well when it crosses  
Masens & Dickson's lines— My  
wife writes to me regularly every  
day. But sometimes I would be  
half a week without a letter and  
then get four in a bunch—  
It is notorious that the delay  
occurs in the Jacksonville office  
but it seems to be recognized  
as something that can not  
possibly be helped— No letter  
from home to-day and I was  
so anxious to hear from I fear

the exceptionally mild weather  
which has been prevailing  
all over the north - has been  
succeeded by a howling blizzard.  
Yesterday was very cold here  
with a steady cold wind blowing  
from the N.W. last evening, the  
thermometer dropped to 22° and  
this morning it was 11°!! -

Cold March weather for any  
part of the country - and I  
am afraid that this is but  
the southern stage of something  
a good deal worse at home -

There is nothing to collect  
here for the herbarium - nor  
will there be anything in the  
two weeks that I propose to  
stay. I plan to resume my  
journey Monday evening, April  
9<sup>th</sup> leave Atlanta Tuesday morning  
and in Chicago Wednesday AM.

Home the same day.

Almost the last day, I spent  
at Clements. I came across  
Prunella agrestis - the first  
time I had ever seen or found  
in its native haunts. It is a  
gaunt and striking plant.  
The first specimens I saw  
came from Crosby - near Wilmington  
Del. - years and years ago - perhaps  
the plant's form was quite north of  
you here. I don't know. But  
anyway I had never seen it  
alive before - and Herb. specimens  
had poorly represented its  
beauty. Against a symmetrical  
grouped circle of the rich, dark-  
green leaves stands out the  
peculiar coloring of the stem -  
spadix bright yellow - then 2 inches  
of milk white stem - then an  
abrupt change to crimson -



In fruit - or rather I expect to  
say after fertilization has taken  
place the spadix turns green  
and the stem becomes a dark  
maroon throughout its whole  
length - the attractive white  
disappearing -

I wish I had some new  
ways to expand into - especially  
just one to receive the overflow  
of Salix - I have been obliged  
to take out all but the common  
species and put in one out of  
the way corner where they do not  
belong -

The idea! After all the  
research that has gone into  
the Columbian revised monu-  
clature that you should go and  
"reduce" it -

Kind regards to Mrs. Deane -

Yours cordially  
Wm. B. B. B.

980 Grand Ave

Rocky Hill, Ill.

April 7, 1901

My dear friends: May

It is possible that  
I have not written to you since I  
left Missouri! I was not conscious  
that my delinquency was quite  
so bad as that! I thought I  
was doing a very prudent thing  
when I came up to Boston to  
to spend a few weeks there and  
to look up in view the abruptness of  
the transition from Southern Illinois  
to Boston, Ill. There were, of course,  
things to be done there. But it  
so happened that I ran right into  
that same fraud which was so  
much as it was worth. The family  
were quite of the opinion that I  
ought not to return home before

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1892. As it came in the  
winter reports from day to day I  
concluded there was no chance  
of my staying at Denver. Because  
I had known about the work of  
the work and I calculated that  
a full year of continuous weather  
would be rather disastrous. Some  
otherwise since it was just  
a chance to work in a few  
and to work in a few  
day in the first winter. After three  
months spent in the den and  
having two weeks of confinement I  
thought I could stand just as well  
as not. Well. I came home  
the middle of June. The day before  
my arrival was the last of August.  
The weather. The next day was hot  
and day after day several  
with the thermometer up to 80°. No  
wind. no chilly night even.

Now the problem is to finish it by  
writing the first 100 pages. I have  
now a half-finished work - family  
business - school work - about 100  
pages and about 100 pages of notes and  
references. I feel that I  
shall accomplish less work  
this afternoon. I am not having  
time to decide finally what to  
take hold of first. And this is  
why my correspondence is so  
unpleasantly behindhand. I have not  
yet caught up. I returned from  
London with a few books and  
a few papers - I am the owner of  
many suggestions and considerations. I  
just a little sketch as to how to  
write them. But I am  
not sure and not happy and not

the friends. But he is all for  
theology. He receives no regard for  
the science of man and father is himself  
ignorant.

It is a sad story you tell  
me of the Hottentots. I do hope. I  
think to see no if a good nature  
and have no other children. As if  
naturally was the same. I know  
not who. Had a name of Hottentots  
who character and character. That  
is through life. no better than  
any other day. "to be the right one."  
no good time to see the right  
thing, as if a family of children.  
no better, no the same and better  
and that makes. Following a good  
time over again, as if the place was  
really. and after all there is no  
right place. Goodness, no  
negatives of a thing, as if, for  
more than that, makes the day.

as it is said to be the best place in  
the world valley has been found  
because of the fact that the climate  
is always sunny. It is  
all day.

In order to give you an idea  
I must say that I have seen  
nothing of his life. The papers  
have been very long of him for a  
long time. I have seen of him. I will  
tell him what he has done. I  
have seen him in the beginning of his  
career in the beginning. When he was  
first and then only  
by way of recreation. I have seen  
him frequently and often  
which always returning to the  
beginning of his life which was  
the first when he was

the children were given out of  
yourselves and the last time  
of your I have, like this, in  
the case, I may, it is better to have  
the children

If Mother had written to me  
in many times as I have to  
be explained "I must write to her  
soon" but not longer than  
was written by her letter.

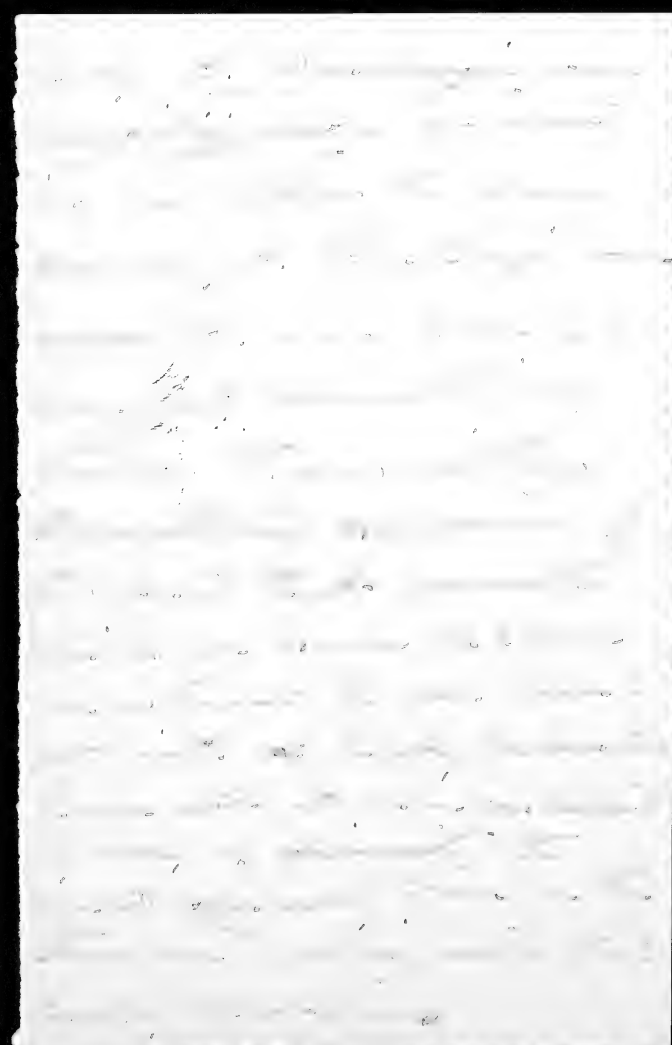
But you go to school and  
play & sing. Mother, write  
to her soon!

The children were not at all  
in the case. It was not the  
same as before. I had to  
to go to school. I was  
in the case. I was not at all  
in the case.

This was my mother, the  
children,  
Mother.

The first of these is the  
fact that the  
government is the  
only one that  
has a monopoly  
of the power of  
the state. It is the  
only one that  
can make laws  
and enforce them.  
It is the only one  
that can raise  
money and spend  
it. It is the only  
one that can  
declare war and  
make peace. It is  
the only one that  
can make treaties  
with other nations.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
people. It is the  
only one that  
can make laws  
for the courts.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
military. It is the  
only one that  
can make laws  
for the police.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
education system.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
health system.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
environment.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
economy. It is the  
only one that  
can make laws  
for the social  
system. It is the  
only one that  
can make laws  
for the culture.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
religion. It is the  
only one that  
can make laws  
for the family.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
individual. It is the  
only one that  
can make laws  
for the community.  
It is the only one  
that can make  
laws for the  
nation. It is the  
only one that  
can make laws  
for the world.

















boundaries - Chicago is  
beginning the swarm in  
from overcrowded Geneva,  
& Delaware. and I fear it  
is only a question of a  
few years when the place  
will become altogether too  
much of a resort to suit  
our taste. One comfort is  
will raise the price of lots  
and we can sell out at  
good advantage when we  
want to. Owing to the  
stoppage of freight on the  
Rock Island R.R. Rob and  
Arthur were enabled to  
spend more time than  
usual with us this sum-  
mer. There will be only  
two of the young Bobbie  
at home this winter.

Lauderdale, Miss.  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> /94

My dear Mr Deane.

When our garden  
at home was in the height  
of its glory with June roses  
for a grand finale to the  
bloom of spring - the lawn  
soft and verdurous - the  
shrubs beautiful in their  
varying shades of fresh  
foliage our friends would  
say to us that they could  
not understand why we  
should wish to run away  
from such a place. But  
we have learned by one  
year's experience after another  
that there can be no satis-  
faction in staying there.



the midsummer droughts -  
to see the leaves turn brown  
and the borders grow smatter  
time in the poverty of bloom  
which marks the interregnum  
between spring and autumn.  
This season the difference  
has been especially marked -  
the early part was just  
ideal. As Martha says we  
gave away "bushels of  
flowers" and yet there seemed  
to be always a profusion  
left. But even before we  
<sup>came away</sup> ~~left~~ things have begun to  
dry up and since then the  
heat has been - we are  
told - something the like  
of which has not occurred  
since eight years ago -  
Here, in the shade of trees

catching the breezes that  
blow from off the lake and  
in a cottage built especially  
for midsummer occupancy  
we keep very comfortable.  
I fancy however that we are  
enjoying Landerdale at  
just the most comfortable  
stage of its occupancy - It  
is much easier to get all  
kinds of supplies - The  
woodlark element that some  
years ago was wont to  
indulge in horse play  
at the expense of the  
peace and quiet of the  
better class, have been  
completely suppressed - but on  
the other hand we have a  
fine hotel and lots of

could not see it after all.  
Cause why - the plant  
was not a variety of  
Pasclayi but something  
else - namely a freak -  
wholly unexpected of  
S. Barrattiana. ~~for~~ In  
all the specimens heretofore  
known of this rare plant  
from British America - the  
character of the type as  
being strikingly silvery  
shiny throughout has been  
invariably sustained. when  
here comes the first N. S.  
representation with not a hair  
on it, and Dr. B. came near  
being fooled in consequence

Sincerely yours  
Wm. B. B.

quite a "come down" from  
the long perspective  
of the tail piece to one  
of your letters years ago.  
Walter starts in on a  
4 years course at Medical  
College and will on a  
course of 3 years at the  
Elemental School - so there  
will be only Muthew and  
Frank left.

But it is time I found  
a word of acknowledgment  
for your interesting letter  
from Kennebecport. The  
list of maritime plants  
and especially the  
mention of Nello, Me

reminds me very forcibly  
of the things I used to  
get yours and yours ago -  
from the Rev James Blake -  
- not always in the best of  
specimens. I believe the  
first Carex Norvegica I  
ever saw he sent me  
from the vicinity of "Hells  
Moe"

I have a big job of  
"dead work" laid out for  
this fall - if I can hold  
myself to the performance  
thereof and find myself  
physically able - namely to  
sort over and arrange all  
my duplicates. I know  
beforehand that there will be  
lots and lots of rubbish

to discard but I feel  
almost equally certain that  
mixed in with that rubbish I  
will find quite a number of  
very choice specimens - not  
always of my own collecting  
by any means - which have  
been held simply because  
I did not know where to  
find them -

What has become of  
Rand. I have not heard  
from him in a long time.  
Is he at Mr Desaut or pepping  
away at "proof"?

It was really too bad  
that after getting such  
a good name for my  
supposed new variety of  
Salix Barclayi that I

day the remaining cottages  
were worn more the  
aspect of hospitals than  
of places of pleasurable  
resort. Appliances have  
been sent out from Chicago  
and to-morrow the patients  
will be removed to the  
Rockford Hospital. We  
will stay only long enough  
to close up our cottage  
and follow Tuesday of  
next week. It seems  
incredible but only 3 minutes  
elapsed from the time of  
the first alarm till the  
roof fell in. Everything  
was as dry as tinder and  
the house was a mere  
shell. Built for summer  
occupancy - We were all

Landerdale Wis  
Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 194

Dear friend Deane.

A tragic calamity  
was cast a deep gloom  
over the Rockford Camp and  
we are all going home  
sooner than we expected to.  
On the evening of Aug 8<sup>th</sup>  
even after the family had  
retired for the night Mrs  
Hollenback's cottage was  
burned. Mrs Hollenback's  
mother, an aged and very  
nervous person became  
dazed so that her daughter  
Mrs H. was obliged to seize  
her in her arms and leap  
from a second story window  
through the flames. Both  
women were burned very

seriously and the elder  
sustained besides a fracture  
of the hip and the bones  
of one foot. Saddest of all  
the domestic - Oscar Fallon -  
endeared to us all by her  
cheerful disposition and  
many excellent traits of  
character - lost her life -  
She had the best chance to  
escape of any one. But  
evidently lost her head and  
left her own room, for one  
where she had ~~immediately~~  
thrown herself on the bed  
face downward. Ten thousand  
men could not have saved  
any one from that fierce  
conflagration who did not  
save themselves. For the  
time is lost - only a  
few minutes - I never saw

such a terrific - perfectly  
awful blaze. Just at the  
moment when the heat  
from the burning building  
was at its height. The  
trees round about were  
raised to the point of  
combustion and ~~the house~~  
trees and all flared up  
in one tremendous roar.  
For a few minutes it  
seemed as if our house  
which stood only 90 ft  
away must certainly go  
to but by this time there  
were 30 or 40 men on the  
ground and by dashing  
water against the side  
of the house and covering  
the roof with wet blankets  
it was saved. Since that

glad that Mattie had left  
us that very day to spend  
a week with a friend on  
Delaware Lake.

I had a letter from  
Pearl the same day, I  
received news and the  
troops came in the  
next mail - I must take  
time to look them over  
before I can write to  
him. It would be the  
last thing in the world  
for me to get my mind  
diverted in some way  
from rolling bandages  
- and the smell of carbolic  
acid. But I can not do  
it so long as we are

right in the midst  
of the dreadful suffering  
which so engulfs our  
sympathies and every  
energy -

How much of both  
suffering and achievement  
is being crowded into  
the life of our "old friend  
L. H. Bailey" - I read  
a paper of his embodying  
the results of an immense  
amount of work and the  
next thing I hear he is  
under the surgeon's knife  
again. - I shall await  
with anxiety your next  
letter.

Sincerely yours  
Mrs. L. H. Bailey

980 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Aug 29 1934

My dear Mr Deane:-

We returned home a week ago - Our front garden looks the picture of desolation after two months of mid summer neglect - with only two insignificant showers in all that time to mitigate the drought - I had made arrangements to have the lawn mowed but the grass has not grown at all -

My wife called at the Hospital yesterday - Both the unfortunate women are doing nicely - much better than we dared to hope they would at first. Mrs Hollenbecks face was so badly burned that the skin over the whole face was taken off - The burns were not deep and the surgeon assured us that she would be much less likely to be disfigured than if there had been burns in patches with patches left. It seemed hard to believe but she now wears the bandages



removed from her face and my wife  
tells me I would be amazed to see  
how little trace of the severe burning  
will be left. Of course the new skin  
has not yet assumed a normal flesh  
tint. But our friend who was a pretty  
middle aged woman with a bright  
attractive smile looks finer now than  
quite her old self again. Her mother  
Mrs Brown will be much longer con-  
fined to her bed on account of the  
fractured hip. Her removal was  
effected without causing any extra  
pain or discomfort. Her body was bound  
to a long splint which reached from  
the armpits the whole length to her  
feet - the broken limb being bound  
securely to the same splint. Then she  
was placed on a specially prepared  
cot. Her body supported on all sides by  
long slender bags of straw. Making  
a yard width of heavy cotton cloth  
she was then bound down to the cot  
- gently but securely. The cot was lifted  
into a van where it was suspended  
on four spiral springs. One strong  
man rode at her head and one at

her feet so that as the carriage went up hill or down they lifted their respective ends and so kept the car level. Mrs Waldo said that she really seemed to enjoy her ride into Elk Horn and remarked that she had felt no jar as painful as she had before experience by persons pressing against her head.

We staid only long enough to close up our cottage - and then came home.

Yes! Rand has sent me a copy of Mrs Flora. and I like it. It is a comfort (certainly to one who half suspects himself of being an old foggy) to find things in some intelligible sequence and not all turned to their end to. Then the style is simple - direct - dignified. The Catalogue carefully prepared - and remarkably free from typographical errors. In fact a pretty close scrutiny failed to show a single letter out of place. I know just enough of that sort of thing to know that it means lots and lots of hard work.

Got all my old duplicate bundles  
down out of the attic this morning -  
Have made room for work in the  
barn - improvising two long (14 ft) Tables  
- there is a big pile of the old stuff -  
and I rather dread attacking it - but  
will limit myself to one hour a  
day for a start - Walter carried  
the bundles down for me while I got  
them ready - getting ready consisting  
principally in unpacking boxes and  
tightening bands.

Yours cordially  
W. L. Webb

and had a dolorous  
tale to tell how he had  
labored over the flats of  
tidal mud collecting  
specimens - came back to  
his hotel dead tired.  
But with just a sprink  
le enough left to wash out  
his plants in clean  
water. Then how he left  
them in the wash bowl -  
overslept the next morning  
- hurried down to breakfast  
and returning to find  
his specimens in press  
found that the chamber

980 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 94

Dear Mr Deane:-

When giving me  
an outline of your plans  
for the summer I think  
you wrote that you expected  
to return home Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.  
As this will find you  
once more surrounded  
by your dearly loved  
books and plants -  
possibly it may lie on  
your table for a while  
and greet you on your  
return from school.

For I fancy from your  
long tarrying at Jaffrey  
that you have not  
given yourself any  
margin. But return  
just in time to begin  
I hope the summer has  
treated you well and  
that you have gained  
much refreshment of  
both body & spirit.

Jaffrey must possess  
rare attractions to draw  
you and your wife  
thither year after year.

Has Tillaea simplex been  
"long lost" - Dear-a-me  
I have been so "long lost"  
myself I don't know  
what botanists are getting  
or what not these days.  
I wonder if the locality  
where Canby and I  
collected it on the E.  
shore of Maryland in  
1863 has since been  
destroyed. We found it  
growing with Micranthemum  
Canby had found it the  
week before we visited  
the place in company

maid had dumped the whole business into her slop pail and carried it off. And that was why we were collecting Fellows over again!

I am still pecking away at the red duplicates - not a brilliant job by any means but I hope to enjoy the results if I do not the process. After all however even the process has flashes of redeeming interest when I come unexpectedly

upon something collected  
perhaps thirty years ago  
and which I had for  
long supposed that I still  
possessed only the specimen  
in my herbarium -

I am rather surprised  
to find that my really  
active work in the  
field practically ended  
with the season of 1877 -  
Seventeen years ago! It  
does not seem to me so  
long ago as that - Lots of  
old culls to burn up!

Sincerely yours  
J. S. Lobb

the holidays. We will most  
likely go to Demorest, Ga. and  
do "light housekeeping" living  
upon all the delicacies which  
the southern markets afford  
such as "side meat", corn  
buddies. Georgia beef, canned  
fruits, genuine corn whiskey.  
I think the climate is a  
better one on the whole for  
me than that of Southern  
Florida. At all events I would  
like to try it again and  
the fact that I know the  
place and know what we  
can do there in the way of  
securing quarters has much  
to do in influencing our  
decision.

I went off to W. W. Bailey  
only a few days ago some

980 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 94

Dear Mr Deane:-

I am feeling so  
much better this fall I have  
even had the temerity to  
promise Dr Boittan to have  
ready my monograph of North  
American Solms by the end  
of next year. That may mean  
the falling up of the "buck  
jacket" again - so be warned  
in time! How I wish Lloyd  
lived in Chicago! I have  
no good reference library  
for use in botanical research -  
anywhere within reach. Though  
I must confess I have never



seen the Catalogue of the  
Newberry Library. It may  
be better than I may  
think I apprehend that it  
does not contain a working  
collection of botanical books.

I wish you would send me  
one of your little sheets of  
Lochnera Valdiviana. Every one  
now or while I am seized  
with a desire to keep up my  
general herbarium - and this  
is a feature of this season.

I wish now I had not  
spent so much time, money,  
and energy in accumulating  
a general collection. But it  
may be of use sometimes to  
somebody.

I have a small collection  
of Salices made by Prof  
Leiber in eastern Oregon  
during the past season. I  
report upon to Dr Condit,  
and Dr Robinson will send  
me soon a little collection  
made by the Peary relief  
expedition which I can  
name inside of two weeks.  
Just a few "probabos" I expect  
such as Arctic collections  
generally are. After this I  
will begin in earnest on  
the monographs. I know the  
plants well enough but am  
unfamiliar in the literary  
part of the work.

My wife goes south with  
me - if I go at all - after

special suggestions regarding  
the collecting of Williams -  
There has not been time as yet  
for a reply. The fact is  
the good collector of these  
things will necessarily make  
good collections of Williams  
and when I come to limit  
myself to such directions as  
would not be given fully  
and explicitly in the body of  
his work, for plants in  
general, I found that I  
had very little to say.

Mrs Hollenback and her  
mother - about whom you  
kindly inquire. Were not  
in the end recovered from  
this terrible accident so  
fully as their friends are  
one time had recovered the

hope they would, Mrs H.,  
has recovered from her  
burns but is in a weak  
depressed nervous state while  
her mother, an old and  
feeble lady, it best seems  
to be to say her mind  
altogether. The strain from  
first to last was a severe  
one met at first by a  
strength of endurance which  
filled us all with surprise  
ending at last in a break  
from which we had before to  
hope might be averted.

We have had a solid week  
of dull, cloudy weather, some  
snow. some rain. chilly winds  
and no sunshine. I long for  
a change -

Cordially - as ever  
Mrs. S. Best

980 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Nov 22/94

Dear Mr Deane:—

Has Miss Grace E.  
Cooley returned from Europe? Is  
she now at Wellesley? I should  
like to know—

I have been working over  
billions with more of the old-time  
enthusiasm than I would have  
believed possible two minutes ago—  
Have had four collections to name  
One from Alaska— One from Greenland  
- Peary Expedition, Exped coll. sent by Dr  
Robinson— One made two years ago  
on the coast, Prince of Wales Bay, Dr Ed.  
Palmer— and one from Eastern Siberia  
made by Mr Leiberg. The most inter-  
esting thing in the Alaskan one  
was *Salix rostrata*! This species has  
a known range from Labrador to

The Cascades and from Oregon to  
the Franklin in the Mackenzie but as  
it has been seen north from  
the coast anywhere between the  
Coast Range and the Pacific I  
was completely surprised to find it  
turning up in Alaska. The Greenland  
collection represented only two species  
namely *S. Brownii* & *S. alba* R. Br.  
and *S. flava* not entirely new  
juggling, in descriptions, with the two  
above mentioned. I determined independently  
from the fact that the specimens  
are in the main more "grayish"  
- as we expect them to be under  
the circumstances attending their  
collection - I Palmer's collection has  
given me something to put  
up on. I described years ago a  
beautiful Yellow from the same  
locality as *S. Guyanensis* - subsequently  
it was referred to *S. n. n. n. n. n.*

as a var argentea, I surmised that  
the difference in habitus might  
account for a marked difference  
in appearance between the two, but  
now this var argentea - so called - has  
turned up in Idaho right among  
the macrocarpa you might say - and  
in specimens is exactly like the calit  
crinum. How ever the two mixed  
up together nobody could tell which  
was which. This has been an "eye  
opener" to me and I rather think  
now that argentea is a good species  
for which I think of taking for  
a name leucocarpa or sericeolena.  
I don't decide which I like best -  
both in allusion to the silky white  
appearance of the plant in contrast  
with I. macrocarpa - It "lets the  
clashes" how the changes have been  
coming in alba, argentea & sericea -

apparently and apparently in service  
and serious and so on - Progress  
does not appear to have been made  
but it is not so much the ordinary  
appearance of the plant as the  
ordinary habits of its relations which I  
wished to express.

Sometimes when I am at the  
herbarium I wish you could see  
what progress has to say about the  
Salix pentandra var. capitata - and if  
it is not too early, surely I am  
for me. There are no specimens except  
that I can find and I wish to see  
what material evidence is to be had -  
the description itself may afford grounds  
in dispute's question of nomenclature.

We are having a dull monotony of  
cloudy days. Occasionally the sun will  
appear for an hour or two and I thank  
I am satisfied saying that you know  
and had one clear day in three weeks.

Respectfully,  
J. M. B. B. B.

980 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Dec 27/94

Dear Mr Deane:-

I have an item of interest to communicate to Miss Corley in relation to one of her arctic Millners. I had not heard of her return from Europe.

Salix pentandra. L var canadensis  
Nuttall. Sylva vol 1. p 61. tab. 18.  
I had no thought of your finding any difficulty in making the reference as I would have been more explicit. I am glad however to be obliged to look up the exact page &c for I see there is a plate which I had forgotten. It is twelve years since I had the book in my hands. Am I asking too much if I ask you to send me a tracing of this plate. Nothing



studied and painstaking at all  
- but just outlines.

I have a good deal to do  
and a good deal to think about  
in the next three weeks. Family  
arrangements in case Mrs B and I  
go south after the holidays. 3<sup>rd</sup> of  
Williams to report on and return  
to the Agricultural Dept. Some  
administrative work in closing  
up the estate of the sister who  
died a year ago. Christmas -  
smuggling of a tract - albeit a  
pleasant one. To an old gentleman  
who can already count up 18 lineal  
descendants - and more a-coming.

Housebound but still feeling  
pretty well. I go out whenever I can.  
The exercise in the open air is good  
for my general health whilst exposure  
to a chilly atmosphere is bad for my  
throat. It is hard to tell just what is  
best,  
Yours anon. Cordially  
Rush

980 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Dec 4 1894

My dear Mr Deane:-

You have anticipated  
my desire. Your letter with inclosure  
- tracing of plate and all was  
received before my last was out of  
the town of Rockford. Many thanks  
for your kindness. Sudworth, of  
the Agricultural Dept. - mentioning for  
old names to set up on purely  
literary evidence - published a note  
in Garden & Forest a year or so  
ago saying that if Mr Beth was  
right in setting *S. pustulata caudata*  
Aublet as a synonym of *S. lasiocoma*  
*Fendleriana* (Anders) then the name  
*Fendleriana* should give way to  
the older *caudata*. I am not  
prepared to say whether recommending

over the question for a while that  
Nuttall's name should be adopted  
but it certainly looks very much  
as if "Mr Bell was right" in  
citing it as a synonym of  
Toralericana and hence that Mr  
Sudworth's criticism is well taken.  
The very same thing was collected  
by Drummond - earlier still than  
Nuttall, and named in the Tyler  
Series of the Fl. Bor. Amer "S. lucida  
var. lanceolata" but whether this  
variety was published by Hooker  
in the Fl. Bor. Amer I do not know.  
- By the way please look sometimes  
at your convenience -

What a long and delightful  
letter you send me - I must read  
it over again (for the third time!)  
pen in hand. Nuttall means

that only the variety of *C. pentandra* is  
native in this country - He had a fancy  
for airing his knowledge of European  
botany and too often gives us this  
when if he had but known in the  
space could have been so much  
better utilized by telling us just  
what he had seen with his own eyes  
in the far west. Still he usually  
does this well and we must not be  
hypercritical.

As you looked over the Barry  
Collection - Was it essentially European  
Arctic or American Arctic? I believe  
Hooker has said that Baffin Bay  
makes the most noticeable break in  
the homogeneous circumpolar flora -  
and if so I suppose the flora of Greenland  
is more like that of Arctic Europe  
than is like that of Arctic America.  
About *Salix pygmaea* - I  
first named the Californian plant

"*S. Guyeriana* Anders" but the *S. Guyeriana*  
of Andersen is no good being found  
on ♀ aments of *S. macrocarpa* Nutt and  
♂ aments of *S. rostrata*. By the time  
I had found this and Suckewer had  
sent me a Willow from the banks of  
the Columbia which proved to be  
genuine *S. macrocarpa* Nutt - I had  
some bother in determining this  
beyond all peradventure for Andersen  
had transferred Nuttalls name to  
a single specimen in the Ken Herb  
from "Hudsons Bay - Burke". But  
Nuttalls species being finally well  
known the Californian plant I thought  
best to arrange as a variety. It  
grew way up in the Sierra Nevada  
 whilst *S. macrocarpa* was a species of  
the warm and humid coast and I  
judged the differences observed might  
be fairly attributed to difference.

of altitude and exposure. But now  
when the variety argentea is called  
turns up in Oregon and Idaho without  
a shade of variation in the direction  
of S. macrocephala. it begins to look  
to me like a valid species.

Your account of a visit to the  
Gray Herbarium - with just a touch  
of characterization for the different  
botanists you met there I read  
with great interest. Nobody but me  
N.D. ever thinks to give us poor  
way-off fellows these little details  
which go so far to make the  
picture vivid and real. For all  
I have never been in Cambridge  
since our correspondence began  
I remember well the location of  
rooms - desks - passage ways &c. it

the barbers - Does Dr Robinson  
occupy the dwelling or is Mrs Gray  
still there?

If a series of "Notes from my  
barbers" is going to appear in the  
Gazette then I am going to renew  
my subscription! I drop the Gazette  
a year or two ago because it made  
me read often than it brought the  
least bit of inspiration.

And here I am nearing the bottom  
of my 6<sup>th</sup> page with just room to  
mention all too briefly that in my hasty  
reply to your postal I quite overlooked for  
the time being your letter of Nov 24<sup>th</sup> that is  
for the pretty Lamma! It is on a clean  
white sheet all by itself and I safely stow  
away in the barbers. (But it did not get  
there till after I had one good scare lest I had  
lost it - It got mixed up with Willows, as there are  
arks to do, in this house.)

Enough for this time - such as  
it is -

Cordially as ever  
Fred Zett

980 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Dec 16 1894

Dear Mr Deane :-

I had a very kind letter from Dr Robinson not long since which I trust there is no breach of propriety in my sending to you to read. It will save me a good many words of explanation and I wanted to tell you that even while presenting the work for the new Flora I should have in mind - as a back ground - the preparation of a monograph for the Synoptical Flora - And I told Dr Robinson that I sent the letter so he will think I make the free use of my private correspondence -

I have put the duplicate



the witness of Emma Valdivia and  
to the other. - loose, someday I  
will find somebody who will be glad  
to get it.

May I trouble you once more  
to do a little copying for me - only  
do not put yourself to the inconvenience  
in my account - just let it come  
in sometime when you are at the  
post office or other accounts - This  
time it is Salix chamorifolia, Pall.  
Fl. Ross. ed. min. p. 167. (as quoted by  
Gmelin) Pall. Fl. Ross P. II p. 84.  
(as quoted by Hooker and Arnott) In  
addition to this will you please  
give me the description of the same  
species in Ledebour Fl. Ross III. 1612.\*

I don't know what I am asking of  
you - it may be too much especially  
at this busy season - but do I the  
few lines and don't let me "impair  
your good nature"

We have had exceptionally  
pleasant weather since the  
first of December - no snow

no disagreeable winds and  
a mild temperature. But I'm of  
from the way the wind is  
howling around the house tonight  
that our pleasant days are  
over. It has been very  
fortunate for me as I have  
it is not every day for a  
"constitutional" and am well  
braced up for a fortnight  
of houseing - if I must take it.

I have sent all the Wilson  
collections back except one -  
Mr Liebergs - made in Eastern  
Oregon. He struck one locality  
within on the labels as "In water  
1 meter in depth at Swamp Wells  
North slope of Paulina Mtns - alt. 1690  
meters" where he got three willows  
every one of exceptional interest  
but one particularly so. I intend  
to make a careful study of it

to-morrow if it is a clear day.  
In microscopic work - It is in  
relation to this matter that I  
would like the description of  
A. rhomboides, Pale.

I wonder if that big pile of  
money controlled by Chicago  
businessmen will not eventually  
buy the services of one from  
Columbia. I should agree on  
several accounts if it did. It  
would make a botanist instead  
of a College President out of one  
who whatever may be his disposition  
as our education one of the fortunately  
would be glad to see wholly devoted  
to his favorite study - There would  
be his direction - with ample means  
at his disposal we might have  
a botanical center built up  
which would be of incalculable  
benefit to us from students who  
have the impulse on our friends  
card for all sorts of helps -  
Ever cordially Beth

980 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills

Saturday evening, Dec 29/  
1894

My dear friend Anne

Thanks for everything!

I want to write you a long  
letter. and I will soon -

House chock-full of children  
home for the holidays -  
lively is no word for it!

Hillman just where I left  
them more than a week ago -  
not touched since - Your kind  
series very helpful - will  
tell you all about it -

This cold weather is

Read on me. We are planning  
to get off Smith about the 27<sup>th</sup>  
of January. Do not see how  
we can leave before then.

kindest regards and  
best of good wishes for the  
new year to yourself and  
wife -

Ever truly  
Orestes

980 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ill.  
Dec 31 1994

Dear Mr. Deane:-

I must tell you the story of a Willow the results of which you have been helping me to determine. In addition there is a little group of species represented principally by Salix chammosolia Pall and S. fuscescens and known hitherto only as growing in Kamtchatka and Alaska. The species as species are little known - ill defined and much confused but the group - as a group - is well marked - its characteristics and affinities being clearly recognizable. Now comes the interesting part of my story. Mr. Leiber, who was collecting last summer in Eastern Oregon and he thus discovers a certain locality "the Paulinas where the plants were collected constitute as near a typical desert range as any

are now found on the elevated plains  
of E. Texas. The whole range is in  
fact only an elevated crater, an  
outcome of very large size, flanked  
by a system of lateral spurs and  
consequently many valleys, hills  
of various and coniform shapes. The  
system is surrounded by the same  
plains on the north, east, and south.  
On the west lies the Des Moines River  
valley which separates the range from  
the country by a distance of 30 or 35  
miles from summit to summit. The  
so called "Swamp Hills" is a small  
group of peaks & cones in spurs situated  
in a depression in the province south  
between some of the psoraceous hills  
on the north slope of the mountain.  
It is filled only by seepage from these  
hills. In early spring the water may  
reach a maximum depth of 3 ft. As  
the season advances the period dries up  
and permanent standing water is  
reached by digging down in the

between 3 or 4 feet. Water is scarce  
in the region and some stock men  
seeing their cattle dying in the  
dried creek a well or two a few  
feet deep - hence the name "Desert  
Well" and there were perhaps 75  
or 100 chambers of this kind in the  
"Desert" — Now this "Desert Well" found  
in this unique and isolated  
locality is a new species - but  
strange to say, a close member of  
the Alaskan form mentioned in the  
beginning of my letter. It is not  
wonderful that it should be found  
so far removed geographically and  
never so much as in suggestions  
in all the collections heretofore made  
in British Columbia of anything  
intermediate either in character or  
situation! About its affinity with the  
Alaskan plants there can be no doubt.  
In fact taking this as the normal  
form we might almost say that





of things to think about out of it,  
I wish you would send me the  
drawing of Gmelins figures, which  
I am generously offering. And please  
be as few leaves as possible, and very  
carefully so. It may be as to give  
one as nearly as possible the size of  
copy of the original. I am sure that  
these leaves as I am sure will spend  
no more painstaking on the others.  
I would especially of the figures  
there is at all. To see just the  
character of the margin. How far  
seriate. -- only modulate or even  
and of seriate whether with impressions  
of salient teeth.

Oh! such dinner parties! I  
wish I could be a guest at just  
one! -- You tell me that you have  
just had a box of nice plants  
from Missouri. Your names are

is always so badly, but that I am  
satisfied to have some more  
hierarchy than we have - I say so  
because we have "from No. 2. No."  
that is some of our interest that  
is not in the way of the

Our family dinner consisted of a very  
good and substantial one as it usually is,  
three of the family were "sick out."  
The children who live here so much for  
us are so truly dear. The present  
circumstances of the war suffering from  
a severe cold and who is coming in  
only this night before. Walter has a bad  
cold and Miss L. is also sick and  
the only one left but there  
were some were very left after all  
to live the rest of the war were very  
kindly remembered by friends that  
it was a pity if one could not be better  
of our friends.

Thanks for the most lovely  
letter. I wish to take such rest  
with me - wishing you and Mrs Deane - it  
could not be so without being both - a  
happy New Year I remain as ever

Florence

980 Grand Ave  
Rockford Ills  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1944

My dear Mr Deane:-

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My recollection of the matter is that I first wrote to you - at the suggestion of our friend Corliss - asking you to make a tracing of a willow for me - and ~~that~~ you responded so graciously that I have kept you at that sort of thing ever since - Why - under the circumstances should not I be a good-natured correspondent!

I ought to have deciphered "N. H. K." but for an honest fact I couldn't. I should have missed the form of your appreciation of the situation if I had done so -

I thoroughly enjoyed your long letter - full of little touches

of home life - and of the way things  
go at the herbarium - All sentiments  
- at any rate all germs of consolation  
in taking some little pleasure from  
its native hermits and "putting it to  
rest on a white sheet of herbarium  
paper" I lost years and years ago  
when this country was first settled -  
- How beautiful the rolling prairies  
were before man's incursion!  
You never saw an old fashioned  
prairie "breaking plow" - It was  
drawn by the huge oxen and cut  
a furrow 30 inches across - the soil  
was cut only about two inches thick  
and was laid over as smooth and  
even as the boards of a floor -  
On the "land side" stood in all the  
purity and freshness of its pristine  
beauty the native vegetation - on the  
other was a black field with not  
a vestige of living plants to be

in yours -

I don't know whether I have  
two for or not. but receipts of grain  
are so high in the Rock Island R.R.  
that Rob will let Arthur off during  
the first two months that wife and  
I are gone and he is coming out  
to stay with Mother and Frank and  
the three will keep the home open -  
March 20 Matters finish year at  
Medical school and then he  
will take Arts place - This is so  
much pleasanter to think of in  
leaving home than to be obliged  
to close the home and "furnish out"  
the youngsters -

The "sick ones" are all well  
again - We are quietly getting things  
ready for the trip South - I can  
stand a few extra days of cold  
weather better than I can the excite-  
ments of pushing sincerely  
Wm. Webb

seen - Such an outfit - and there  
were thousands of them at work  
all over the country - would destroy  
in one hour more beautiful plants  
than have been collected by all the  
botanists of the state since the  
Indians were driven out - A few  
choice things were left on stony knolls  
where the stones would dull the sharp  
edge of the breaking plow - or in  
nooks too irregular in shape to  
bring for cultivation but even there  
have many a few years later the  
thick grass and cow pasturage -  
Tropaeum which grew out in the  
open and upon the richest and  
sunniest slopes was about the  
first choice thing - botanically  
considered. to be utterly exterminated  
I have not seen a plant of it growing

Democrat. 3  
Feb 3/95

My dear Mr Deane:—

We left Rockford  
Wednesday - Jan 16<sup>th</sup> on a Pullman  
ticketed through to Atlanta without  
change. We had a very early breakfast  
at Holly Springs, Miss. at which point  
our car was detached from the "Chicago  
& New Orleans Limited" and we were  
detached at Holly Springs. The route  
through Mississippi and Alabama to  
Gainesville was very good. The route  
also was very good. The first line  
of the mountain was low, flat and  
beautiful. The second line was a  
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very good one. The eighty-fourth line was a  
very good one. The eighty-fifth line was a  
very good one. The eighty-sixth line was a  
very good one. The eighty-seventh line was a  
very good one. The eighty-eighth line was a  
very good one. The eighty-ninth line was a  
very good one. The ninetieth line was a  
very good one. The ninety-first line was a  
very good one. The ninety-second line was a  
very good one. The ninety-third line was a  
very good one. The ninety-fourth line was a  
very good one. The ninety-fifth line was a  
very good one. The ninety-sixth line was a  
very good one. The ninety-seventh line was a  
very good one. The ninety-eighth line was a  
very good one. The ninety-ninth line was a  
very good one. The hundred line was a  
very good one.





[illegible]

It is a very nice place. Broad, butter and I walk  
and the same as at the outside. And  
furthermore let me tell you that the  
milk brought to our door today is from a  
cow kept by the President of the State and  
Mrs. Butler Washburn was good to  
attend the work to attend a "suffrage  
convention" - As there! Oh it is the queer-  
est place I ever got into - "dead as a door nail"  
but that don't affect the things we came  
here to find - a nice climate - pure water  
- drinking water the best in the world -  
- a few weeks of quiet retirement -  
I shall not mind to tell you that by

the very first mail after we were  
came the Jan. 10 of the Year the  
you who on I have received my  
subscription - and I read "Notes  
from my Perambulation" as I said  
through and I thought this is almost  
clearly is if it were a personal  
communication - Yesterday I received  
the separate for which please  
accept my thanks. Barnes he  
will to mark it No 1 and I "ask for  
more"

I know perfectly well that I  
am of moving you had charming  
letter. That shall come via for  
"suggestion" next time - I ought to  
have answered it long ago but I  
have "been under the weather" and  
have it gotten on top of it yet and  
am leaving home and getting  
settled here there has been a

much to distract, I hope the plan  
is satisfactory in workman - and  
now again told they are wrong  
therefore but it is a "demonstration  
ground" when you try to do  
more than the things which  
should afford no much pleasure  
the feeling of you were only after -

I will try to do better  
next time -

Cordially,

Franklin

Dec 17/95

My dear Mr Deane:

Three delightful letters in three days! What a capital Correspondent you are. I wish I could keep pace with you! It is so generous in you too to tell me of all your recent acquisitions and all the details of bookish work, when I can make no return in kind. But I get a very great pleasure out of it all. I am sure you carried back to I am by your great enthusiasm to the books that you are now again. When I could have matched your experience with my own. The getting in of your material gives distinct and definite representation in my mind, the importance of the specimens for the present and future. It is a pleasure to be able to do so.

a heart in the  
work and then what real enjoyment  
it affords. You would get a good  
many specimens by purchase - for a  
month, as I can get by your letter  
you would not have enough to go  
to summer collecting - to get a  
sufficiency of material to keep up  
all by exchange.

"Salix fluviatilis, Nutt." about which you  
inquire is only a form of Salix flexilis.  
\* I want you to understand that  
I have not yet seen any plant with the  
characteristics of Salix fluviatilis in western  
Canada. It is a species which is found  
all along of the river with the form which  
is not the same as the thing in  
the "Handbook." They usually, among the  
river mouth is not at all common. But  
the form of Salix flexilis in the Upper Mackenzie  
is very different. It is a thing  
which is not at all common in the  
Upper Mackenzie.

applicable to the species as  
it occurs elsewhere -

While it has been severely cold  
all over the north there has been  
scarcely no snow in the south where  
the weather would be expected  
to be warmer. The newspapers reported that  
there was the usual amount of snow  
in the mountains, some frozen  
except in the Florida State, but the  
Florida was not so much affected.

It snowed at Tampa and of course in  
clear water. Even Punta Gorda and  
Charlotte Harbor - did not escape. Not  
the oranges and grape vines were frozen  
in some the leaves falling from the  
trees. The Florida was not so much  
affected as the north. But the



It began to grow  
rather cold. He was in hopes that the  
wind would go down with the snow and  
we did indeed stop blowing for a little  
while but not in again with a fresh  
gale, so again starting for the  
top of the ridge. The snow was  
now quite deep. Higher even the  
hills to pass with the fresh snow and  
the morning fog in the valley.  
Through the fog - But the fog  
did not last long before the sun came  
out and the fog was gone in a very short  
time. The snow was not thick  
enough to make an unpleasant  
road, but very soft and  
open for the horses.



comparative ease and

the same is shown in the  
fact that in many instances it  
will not

Vegetation here is as completely  
dormant during the winter months  
as it is at the north and shows a  
marked difference in appearance to the  
dormant stage which is not in the  
least more than anything found  
elsewhere. The same is true of the  
dormant stage of the same plants  
found in the north. The same is true  
of the same plants found in the  
south. The same is true of the  
same plants found in the north.

I suspect the same as Dr  
Britton has described under the name  
of Species Potamogeton

I'm not sure but that I shall have a  
letter to say about Potamogeton by the way the  
fact that it is a new species for the  
north is a new discovery for the  
north.

been right and that following  
the rules adopted by Prof. Hayden  
The sudworth was also right.  
It was a small matter but  
it annoyed me! The idea of  
having written under one of  
Mr. Fay's beautiful plates  
"*R. latiantra candida* (Mitt.)  
Sudw" when I had done all  
the work! When any botanist  
does an honest stroke of work  
doing something that I have  
neglected to do - or have not done  
well - no one shall be before me  
in acknowledging this service  
rendered, but to see all credit  
slip away from me by the  
mere skit of a pen was too bad!  
However I tried to look at this  
matter in a philosophical spirit  
reflecting how many persons, so  
much more worthy than I, had  
suffered in the same way -  
In this frame of mind I

Emerson St. Mass.  
March 8<sup>th</sup>

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My dear Mr. Deane: -

Your account of the  
way you and Bailey put in  
your time makes my heart  
swim, runs my pulse up to  
a hundred! I give you fair  
warning, that if ever I do come  
to visit you at Cambridge you  
must shake me free or  
I shall be driven to take  
refuge with Rand who "never  
goes out evenings except from  
a sense of duty" or when he  
feels that he "must go and  
Deane to catch something of  
his hopeful spirit".

Rand has often mentioned  
in his letters instances of  
Britton's arbitrary editing and

has been earnest in his  
cautions but I find, as  
like cause for complaint.  
But here we have not only  
change but specifications. It  
does seem to me that a check  
should be put upon such high-  
browed proceedings. Prof Butler  
has such a high standing,  
and so commands the confidence  
of the Botanical fraternity, that  
a bit of wholesome criticism  
from him would carry great  
weight, especially as he is  
generally regarded - I suppose -  
as being on very friendly terms  
with the Bulletin "set".

Now I have a story of my  
own to tell - Nothing with the  
orgs and saving of yours but  
perhaps equally characteristic  
of the unit - if his quiet stay-  
at-home, plodding fashion.

Part of it I have told you  
before but will begin at the  
beginning so as to be perfectly  
understood. Two or three years  
ago Sudworth had an article in  
Garden and Forest in the course  
of which he hit me as follows  
"If Mr Bobb is right in citing  
S. pentandra & β cuneata Nutt.  
under S. lasiantha Floralina  
then cuneata should take  
precedence of Floralina as  
the name of this variety." It  
had been ten years since I  
had seen Nuttans Sylva - I  
let the matter run along  
without revision till Prof  
Sargents work precipitated the  
necessity for looking the matter  
up - I wrote to you - got a copy  
of Nuttalls description to which  
you added a tracing of the  
plate - I found that I had

that is ardent anxious  
effort.

From the terms of  
affection and esteem into  
which Reed after refused  
to his senior associate I  
can well imagine how  
sincerely we must mourn  
his loss. Your tribute is  
one which any botanist  
might aspire to win from  
his surviving friends

I have broken, past all  
hope of mending, my  
old stylograph - It had shown  
signs of decrepitude for weeks  
back but at last gave out  
altogether - and awkward as  
I find myself in the use  
of a substitute I am obliged  
to come down to a stub pen

Sincerely as ever W. S. Lobb

Happened to come across a  
tracing I had made of a specimen  
in the Torrey herb, with the following  
label - "Salix lucida, glaucescens  
No 39 near H. B. & T. Rocky Mtns  
Drummond" - Here was a clue  
worth following up - I wrote asking  
you if Sir W. J. Hooker had  
published any such variety in  
the Fl. Bor. Amer - You sent me  
the description which was to the  
point and confirmed my  
expectations but no habitat was  
given. After I came down here  
and had a little time to collect  
my thoughts I wrote to Mr Baker  
asking him what specimen or  
specimens there might be in the  
Kew herb authenticated by Sir W.  
J. Hooker as the type of his S.  
lucida glaucescens, I have  
just received his reply -  
There is only one specimen there

authenticated and that is  
the one collected by Dr. Hammond,  
and corresponding, with that  
which I have already mentioned.  
- This settles the question! No  
doubt that Hooker, not neglecting  
to give the habitat of his  
variety, the application of the  
name would not have been so  
long overlooked. As it is, now,  
I take off my hat with a  
smiling countenance and  
graciously excuse from further  
attendance Prof. Anderson with  
his "Furderiana" and Mr. Audworth  
with his "Candida". We have  
no further use for either and,  
if you please, the name is to  
be Salix lasiocarpa planifolia  
(Hook) B. & P. I'm tickled. It  
is "human nature" and I can't  
keep it! It is all too funny  
for any use! to call on -

Mr. Audworth just as he cut  
around me and checkmate!!  
for there is nothing back of  
the Fl. Bor. Americana -

For Mrs. B. & P. as well as for  
myself I return thanks for  
the pleasure with which we  
have read the verses written  
by T. & P. & their little daughter.  
They are indeed remarkable -

I can say to you that I would  
not like to say to Mrs. B. & P. that  
they raise a question in my  
mind as to the "psychological  
character of such a poem."  
Inspiration as the poets are  
wont to call it but which has  
attracted much attention of late  
under the prosaic name of  
"automatic writing." Editor Stead  
says that "many a man hesitates  
to affirm that more than half of  
his poetry, even written 'automatically',

carefully. But this is a  
very important thing. This  
one of the serious and will  
some rich somebody, please  
go down in there, find out the  
exact the reason the note is  
"French" about it, and also  
in the name of common sense  
could be made if the note  
gives the chance! With the  
first sentence about this  
typical I thought he was  
in a splendid position. The  
B. is right. But no. He was  
just having this more now.  
I got all I could get out  
of this story of "where the  
big bear lives" in our "Radio  
Review" but my wife was not

Democrat George  
March 19<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mr. Lane:-

Please excuse the  
use of a pencil. I can get  
a new style pen for which I  
have said to my son in Chicago  
I found the use of a pen  
now bringing back symptoms  
of the pernicious gasping with  
which I was threatened years  
ago and from which I gained  
a happy relief in the pencil.  
Please do not speak of the style  
pen.

You ask my opinion of  
Geo. Kamen. You might have  
given me your opinion and  
left me to revise it if mine  
differed, but since you ask



True goes! He is the quintessential  
product of the German scheme  
of education. I have known  
several such, including one  
German Professor at Elmhurst.  
They are all Germans. No other  
country on the face of the earth  
produces them like! Indiscreet  
talent, coupled with exceptional  
receptive capacity, mistaken for  
working force - over education -  
egregiously self conceited - an  
unwilling slave to society,  
or the "moment" the German  
them. This means the is some  
transcendent work when they  
have not the capacity to do  
the simplest thing well -  
Take this Catalogue for  
instance. It is a regular

school bag for instance - How  
does the measure of them,  
I mean by getting the things  
outside as well as their presents.  
The Grammatical Exercises and  
Juvenile Poetry, left out - "Two  
hours" of the German student,  
and I have been a collection  
determined by another person.  
Think of the different list  
Pingle or E. Hall would  
have given? Then the finds  
a hyacinth bark. Dear! Dear!!  
What a magnificent discovery!  
I venture to say, there is not  
a botanist living anywhere  
in the U. S. who can not  
find a hyacinth bark if he  
will search his neighborhood

Let my wife go for this dinner - The lot are <sup>not</sup> so easy.  
Thurs gallantly for you! She took the story seriously and  
I believe some parties in made me listen to a lot of  
at Carolina. One member of it that evening, read about  
at Highland. for me - send poor fellow! He is "ill adapted"  
your bones with the he made Predestination - the disappointment,  
for necessity for you. You can not keep him!

I have an impression that If he moved away, with his  
the attention of I believe 16000 lb. that I saw the way, he  
off - I shall say more - could not feed his pigs  
As I go out on this Farm and work for the most there  
Fidd. Smith & Garden City is an <sup>in</sup> <sup>his</sup> present situation  
Bailey - I have not a doubt as superintendent of our  
is more better qualified for experience station. Take  
Complete such a Florida man this place as a recreation.  
L. Gray, In your way I am doing in a good big arm  
it was simply a detestable full of work to make a  
the meditation for the fine next morning - Love  
purpose of preventing them

this life all he wants to  
and look it as a home  
affair - there might be  
some hope. But this  
restless unceasing passion  
to be put in the way of  
doing something ostensibly  
for the cause of Science  
but in reality, the species this  
unfortunate variety of Geo  
Hausen can only seed - as  
I said before in better  
disappointment - The cover  
hogging too. How essentially  
foreign it is - Mr American  
I don't care who he is  
or what work he does or  
follows - would so much a

Thing. x x x But I must leave  
myself more the decision also matter  
of passing than Geology leaves, the  
plant is not very common here.  
grows only in a few favorable localities  
all a mile or more distant. Personally,  
found at the foot of steep hills with  
a north exposure - where there is much  
less exposure and dense shade. It is  
at home and grows in the  
mountains farther north. It was a  
pleasant day and wife and I took a  
walk to "the rapids" on Hayes Creek.  
Alone at the crest of the steep  
declivity, at the foot of which the  
creek flows I saw one there. I  
can go down even so easy. It would  
be too far from the place the house.  
But Oh! the getting back again  
up that hillside what should I do  
but rest myself in a stump and

long enough for one  
day.

Northern Georgia as a  
winter resort has been a  
failure this hard season.  
For the greater part of the  
time the weather has been  
inclement. For all the  
information I can gain  
and making all due  
allowance for the proverbial  
excuses of residents that they  
never saw the like before  
it seems to have been  
an exceptionally disagreeable  
winter. Windy - chilly, change-  
able with a prevalence of  
long continued east storms.  
You have - in all human

Demerit. 49  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  
1900

Dear Mr. Deane -

I send you my  
old, well thumbed copy of  
Andersson's Salix Borealis.  
American. Sometime  
when you are up at the  
bookstore with you so me  
the favor to page it to  
correspond with the volume  
of proceedings in which  
it originally appeared,  
and then return to me  
at Rockford  
We expect to leave  
here Tuesday evening

April 16<sup>th</sup> We are about to  
leave over night on Saturday  
taking the train from  
Birmingham and Holly Springs  
at an early hour - 6. A. M. -  
the next morning - Pass  
through Chicago at 2. P. M.  
Thursday and reach home  
the same evening -

I bought some William  
Wells with me last week.  
after week went by and  
it was not touched. So  
last I began to fear  
I might carry it back.  
Some again are undone.  
I do not like to acknowledge  
myself beaten in that war

I am so about the same  
now & I have up and  
down a beginning of  
something. I have very few  
now to the accompaniment  
of my work. In a very  
little while I become  
interested - greatly enthusi-  
astic and am proud to  
say that it is all done.  
But three hours over a  
low-power microscope and  
drawing analyses rather  
interfered with letter writing.  
After I was through I felt  
that for health's sake I  
had bent over the table

probability and seemed more  
certain to me than  
Demorest. Unless for some  
wife and I might come  
down here in October on our  
way to Florida and stay  
for a month or two of  
the late autumn which I  
know our South is delightful,

How delightfully busy  
and occupied I am  
with your husband and  
I know what the excitement  
is and the field is so  
open and tempting for  
fresh gratification in  
that way that I am  
sometimes almost tempted

I cannot say I am satisfied,  
but after all I am  
I am so busy now. I  
work better and I am more  
satisfying to myself and  
better for the owner of  
me here. by devoting nearly  
my available energy -  
limited at best - to the  
Willows.

Can you give me the  
present address of Prof. P. S. <sup>Wheeler</sup>  
Pranwall - several years ago  
at either the State University  
or Agricult. Coll. of Colorado.  
I want to ask him something  
about *Salix irrorata*.

We had a good laugh over  
Mrs B. fantastic descent of <sup>the cliff</sup>

980 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
May 3<sup>d</sup> / 90-

My dear Mr Deane

The day after my return home I was prostrated by an attack of influenza which emptied me out of all energy of both body & mind. I do not know when I have felt so good for nothing. After two days I was as completely drained as if I had been sick of a fever for a month. I was compelled to give up everything and that too when there was so much that I wanted to do. It seemed childish not to respond to your kind letter which I found an entire new stimulus and



which added so much to the  
pleasures of this home coming -  
and I have wanted to thank you  
for giving Andersens N. H. volume  
(which I have not yet looked over)  
for the valuable pages of your  
Lectures notes &c. There is so  
much left undone which I ought  
to have done! I am hoping  
to be stronger now, but the worry  
of it is my friends will give  
no encouragement to any such  
expectations. This only as an  
word of apology and explanation  
I am not sick - If I lie still and  
quiet I can imagine myself  
capable of doing almost anything  
but when it comes to the doing  
- well I just have to give up.  
Even this. Both

980 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 1935

My dear Mr Seane -

Goulter came out  
Friday evening to lecture at  
Rockford College - Arrived at 4.30 PM  
Walter met him at the station and  
drove rapidly to our house a  
distance of a mile - Greeting - a  
little desultory talk and dinner  
then an hour and a half in the  
parkarium - Carriage at 7.45 - for  
the college - Walter and Walter went  
even with the doctor. I do not go out  
evenings and the night was chilly -  
I was surprised to see the D back  
by 9.15 - A delightful family  
conversation cut short because we  
knew that our guest was to go

must be up by 5 o'clock. The next  
morning - Breakfast at 5:30 - Passage  
for station at 5:50. - Lecture in  
Chicago at 10 A. M. - We had to  
crowd things you see but we did  
it! - When it was announced at  
the dinner table that Corbett and Rose  
had recently dedicated a new parsonage  
to one Walter Deane. Men should leave  
Deane the spontaneous clapping of  
hands. - Then by way of explanation to  
my guest I went on to say that Mr.  
Deane was a sort of a small, favorite -  
Corbett (laughs) and said he understood  
all that and that no doubt his feeling  
was reciprocated. "Why!" I'll bet I met  
that Deane - today - knows more  
about your family than half your  
neighbors - I am still awfully lazy.  
Must drive myself to the performance of  
the simplest task at painting I hope.

Dec 17  
Mrs. Campbell

988 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
June 7/98

My dear Mr. Kew

I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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My father-in-law is coming to see  
us soon. I hope to get the room he  
expects. I am sure he will like Hall.  
He is a very good man, and I am sure  
you will like him. I am sure you will  
like him. I am sure you will like him.

I am sure you will like him. I am sure  
you will like him. I am sure you will like him.  
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you will like him. I am sure you will like him.

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you will like him. I am sure you will like him.

Handwritten text, likely a letter or journal entry, written in cursive script. The text is heavily faded and mostly illegible. It appears to be a single page of writing, possibly on aged paper. The handwriting is consistent throughout, suggesting it was written by one person. The text is arranged in several paragraphs, with some lines being more prominent than others. The overall tone is that of a personal or historical document.

980 Grant Ave  
Rockford, Ills  
June 24<sup>th</sup> 1905

My dear Mr Deane:

We had planned to go up to Lawrenceville the 6<sup>th</sup> of July but the children are impatient - the weather continues hot and dry - and also, when we have finally decided to go July 1<sup>st</sup> (just one week from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July) instead. This shortens up our time considerably and leaves us all with plenty to do if we get all things in readiness for our departure at this earlier date - Both indoors and out there are so many odds and ends that need to be looked after when we all expect to be away for three months.



My son Robert is occupying the  
cottage with his family this  
month and Walter has gone up  
to show them how and where to  
get supplies. It is quite a matter  
of experience - derived from your  
often years of camp life in the  
locality. To know just what  
I mean wife makes the best  
butter - when to get milk and  
berries and vegetables and to an-  
-swer important matters after all.  
Since however we may magnify  
the aesthetic side of the question  
it is an indisputable fact that  
life at the lakes develops an  
orthodox appetite - probably it  
calls for and is satisfied with  
plain country fare provided

there is enough of it, Arthur lives  
with Rob so in the absence of  
the dear brother's family, instead  
of seeking a boarding house he  
has had Mattie come in and  
keep house for him. Mattie will  
be exactly to the ladies when  
Rob returns. Mattie writes from  
Buenos Aires that he went out "on  
the march" (2 or 3 miles from  
his house) and returned with an arm  
full of magnificent blooms of  
*Cyrtopodanthes spectabilis*. He says that  
for once he saw more than he  
could take home.

I thought Dr. Coult's reply  
to Dr. Robinson was a poor  
weak - exceedingly commonplace

performance but since reading  
D. R.'s opinion I have thought  
that he <sup>B. C.</sup> would want to return to  
some study near of the National  
Museum and quit.

I have been much interested  
in your manuscript of your study  
of seedlings - some "Notes from  
Henry Robinson" showed some part  
of it - a volume need not have  
far to find further objects to  
interest him. And after your  
have explained your field  
near home from the ordinary  
collectors stand point - and got  
all the notes from the extraordinary  
collectors stand point - it is just  
in a consistent order of things  
that you should make this  
re-appearance - Cordially Bob

Lanarisdale Wis.

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1895

My dear friend Deane -

Lanarisdale never has  
seemed more attractive to me  
than it does this summer.  
Mrs Bell made a remark last  
evening which I wonder it has  
not occurred to some of us to  
make before - namely - that the Lakes  
are really quieter now than they  
were when we first began  
coming here, seven years ago -  
With all the cottagers and guests  
at the hotel there is less noise  
and disturbance than there was  
in the earlier day. At that  
time there were half-a-dozen "Clubs"

which came out every season with  
the express purpose of "raising old  
Red" in which purpose they were  
eminently successful. It may have  
been "free" for the "clubs" but it was  
a serious annoyance to the few  
families that came here for a  
month or two's rest. Happily, every  
one of those clubs is defunct. Their  
property having passed into private  
hands, with the exception of the  
"Belvoir" the members of which have  
a quarrel among themselves - neither  
party being able to buy out the  
other and so both stay away.  
The club now what is called "Belvoir  
Island" the most valuable property  
on the Lakes.

The evening of our arrival I  
was told - not to say - commended by

my better nine-tenths to go and  
lie in the hammock while the  
rest of the family unpacked the  
trunks - to lie in fact. Till I was  
called to supper! Well I was all  
stuffed up with dust and car smoke  
- somewhat tired - and so offered a  
very feeble protest. How grateful  
was the pure air and the perfect  
stillness of that summer evening!  
I felt then - what I have already  
begun to realize - that Lancaster  
would serve me better than did  
Georgia last winter. I have  
brought a lot of millwork with  
me and hope to accomplish some-  
thing worth while if I do gain in  
strength.

I had a nice letter from  
you before I left Rockford - and  
another since my arrival here.

what a generous fellow you are  
not to "keep count"



I did not know how it was with  
Randy Talk. But before I got the  
hint from you, I had begun to  
notice the morbid feeling in his  
letters which you deplored and  
in my last letter to him - dropping  
all trace of previous correspondence  
I set out to "shake him up" and  
make him realize that there was  
nothing in the whole business to  
give any one of us a moment's  
anxiety or concern - If any one need feel  
blue it is Burton - over the flat  
failure of the book with a long name -  
As even D Coulter remarked to me  
"evidently condemned by the Botanical  
fraternity" We are to have a 6th prize  
which Walter caught yesterday taken for  
dinner today - Wish you and Mrs. Deane  
and the girls no. Cordially Beth

Lancasterdale Wis  
July 24<sup>th</sup> 1905

Dear Mr Deane:-

I must write if  
only to return your friends  
letter and to thank you for  
thinking of the pleasure it would  
give me to read it. How little  
we know - at best. of the terming  
life all about us! I am  
promising myself that in a  
day or two I will write a decent  
reply to your recent letters - so  
full of pleasant pictures of your  
vacations life. Just now I want  
to submit a problem in Natural  
History, to you. If you can not



solve is you will most likely  
know the person who can! The  
lily-pads here at the pond, and  
I presume it is the same with  
you at the east. are always  
found full of holes of nearly  
uniform size and shape, about  
like this  In most cases the  
hole is complete but often a flap  
is left which exactly fits the  
edges of the hole. thus  Now  
the question is how are these  
holes made and for what purpose?  
When near a lot of pads, especially  
on a warm day you will hear a  
constant snapping sound - like  
the closing together of the two  
halves of a bi-valve shell. The

opinion prevails among the common people that these holes are made by a fish. That the fish sees an insect on the top of the leaf and coming up from below - sucks the leaf - cuts the hole, and catches the insect. If this is the true explanation of the matter what fish is it that does this business? I should think it would have to have a "sucker" shaped mouth but even then I do not see how the round hole should be cut every time when an irregular capture would seem to be the most natural result of the sucking process.

I still keep "pegging away" at  
Hillman though I do not accom-  
plish the amount of work in  
a given time that I did a  
few years ago. I usually begin  
right after breakfast and work  
till eleven. That ends it for the  
day - rest in the morning, or  
till lunch. Visiting - reading  
social pleasures fill up the early  
part of the afternoon - From 4 to 6  
P.M. letters - when they get written  
at all. After dinner a boat ride  
on the harbor till long past sun-  
down - then for me it is "early to  
bed" not because I am sleepy but  
because it is so useful to lie  
down relieved of the burden of  
conventional clothes. Cordially, Beth

July 27<sup>th</sup>

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Here is a letter  
that I thought had  
gone on its way  
two or three days  
ago.

A good refreshing  
rain last night.

Why could it not have  
had a little such  
weather as we are  
having now in  
May and June.

to save the crops  
and the gardens -  
However we are  
thankful that the  
drought that was  
so severely felt about  
Portland was  
in a remarkable  
degree - local.

Then we got  
rains all about us  
but we got none  
of them -

M. S. B.

Landdale Wis  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 193-

Dear Mr Deane

I feel quite "set up"  
by the thought of having my  
name mentioned in that goodly  
list of those "well known - even on  
this [the European side] of the  
Atlantic" - To be sure I feel  
some qualms of conscience when I  
think of the better selections  
that might have been made  
further down in the list. But  
"one cat has a long tail" for  
all that - Thank you for  
sending me the extract which  
otherwise I would not have

seen. Your letters are worth the  
Bulletin and Gazette rolled into one  
in keeping a secluded mountain  
like myself posted as to what  
is going on in the Atlantic  
World. What a lively time you  
are likely to have at Springfield  
- I hope there will be enough  
Conservatives present to make  
the Red American school feel  
that they can not have things  
their own way without  
opposition - they have assumed  
such a dominating manner  
that I am sick of it and want  
to see them "set down upon".

Cordially  
Bolt

I include a card which may amuse you - the fine expression of contempt and disdain on the countenance of the Hegy team as they stare at the life of the animal they - in very funny - do not bother to return the clipping.

Sandusdale, Wis  
Aug 19<sup>th</sup>  
1905

Dear Mr Deane

I picture what Paddy would call a collection of 'holes'. I thought I was drying the specimens under ample pressure but I find them very much distorted. You must soak them up in hot water in order to get an idea of the true form. Do not fail to do this.

We all read with much interest your long letter - a sort of "midsummer number" as the magazines have it. Delightful reading for the lake-side on a warm lazy afternoon.



I shall be glad of an extra  
plate of *Deanea* - I will "mount"  
it on a herbarium sheet - duly  
enfold the sheet in a genus  
cover and give it a place in  
my herbarium - It will probably  
be the only representation of the  
genus I will ever acquire - I  
have several personal friends  
remembered in this way, Canby -  
for one, though in this case I have  
two or three collections of the plant  
as well,

What you say about finding  
seedlings of *Hamamelis* under the  
bushes reminds me of a communi-  
cation made by Temple & Board to  
Gordon & Forest (I think it was) several  
years ago - They wished to raise the

plants from seed and sent up into  
N. H. for a large quantity of  
the seeds which were put in  
thickly in a long trench - I  
think (if I remember rightly) that it  
was not till the second or third  
year that any of the seeds germi-  
nated. Then with the Tardus char-  
acteristic of the species they began  
to come up. These were transplanted  
in due time - and therefrom a  
year after year - up to the date  
of the communication the same  
planting had continued to give  
them an annual supply of young  
plants -

We were so interested in  
your account of the homing pigeons  
that we actually expected a  
postcard by the next mail giving

us the latest news.

We go back to Rockford  
ten days from to-day - that is  
Thursday Aug 29<sup>th</sup>. The necessity  
of getting Mattie and Walter  
ready for their winter in  
Chicago calls us back earlier  
than we would go otherwise. The  
summer has been I think to  
us all an exceptionally delightful  
one - nothing in the future prospects  
of a single member of the family  
to detract in the least degree from  
present enjoyment - and there it  
has happened happily that so  
many of the children could come  
back at the same time

kindest regards of all the  
Peabos to yourself and Mrs. Stearns.  
Mattie says that "if you don't mind

"Many and all love to you"

980 Grand ave  
Rockford Ills  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 190-

My dear Mr Deane:-

I had intended to write you a long letter from Leanderdale before we left but I was knocked over by an attack of indigestion which for three or four days made me the most forlorn, useless old fellow imaginable. We had a pleasant journey home - a rain the night before leaving laid the dust and freshened up the pastures. Arrived in Rockford Will understood to see that our baggage was got up to the house. Walter to stop on the way and get "something for supper" - leaving the rest of us to come directly home - The house soon began to take on the air of being inhabited once more. We fancy that we live in a very plain, modest way

the year 'round - and we do for a fact -  
but when I went out into the dining  
room that evening the table looked really  
elegant. Now <sup>much</sup> our estimates of modes of  
living is a mere matter of comparison -

Your letters of farewell and  
welcome were as timely as they were  
grateful - It is pleasant to be so remem-  
bered - and the most would be the happier  
if more of us would make an effort to  
give expression to our kindly feelings

Thanks for the plates &c. of Deane.  
especially for the "artists proof" - This  
shall be mounted in my herbarnum in  
fine style as most likely the only  
representation I will ever possess of  
your namesake

When I left home I gave the  
postman orders to not forward after  
me "heavy books and parcels" which he  
seems to have construed into an order  
not to forward anything but letters -  
So I have here in my herbarnum now  
just about half a bushel of mail which

I have not found time as yet to begin  
to look at. As a consequence I have  
read your article on mounting plants  
though I have not touched the No. of  
the Gazette in which it appeared. The  
directions are clear, full, explicit. I do  
not see how any one can fail to  
follow you with a perfect understanding  
of your methods. My mounting days  
are over but I am glad to be put on  
record by a competent judge as having  
practised good ways while I was about  
it. Only one comment or question occurred  
to me. You speak of mounting a dozen  
sheets before making the transfer to the  
file under pressure. You also say that  
you do from 50 to 60 sheets of one  
evening - this gives a measure of time  
and 12 sheets would consume  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{5}$  of  
your time. Now I question whether  
after sheet No 12 was done - if you were  
to go back and examine sheet No 1, you

would not find all the adhesions likely  
to be affected at all. Taken place - I  
should change to heavier pressure  
often and I would use a heavier  
weight

I should like to read E. F. Smith's  
paper - I suppose you have the manu-  
script - or has it been published? Coulter  
told me that he returned it - not refusing  
to publish but simply asking the writer to  
tone down some of his bitter expressions -  
which I fancy is just what Mr. F. did  
not propose to do!

Please remember me most kindly  
to all the good friends. It was  
nearly 40 years ago that I attended my  
first meeting of the A. A. A. at  
Springfield - Dr. Gray. Dawson of Montreal  
Prof. Pierce - Prof. Henry of the Smithsonian  
were the great lights then and they  
squashed the small lights I assume you  
with a very high born air -

Ever sincerely  
Wm. B. Keith

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2. *Explain the*

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By the way, I have a few more things to tell you.





[illegible]

My dear Mr. Garrison  
I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the Boston Convention. I have no objection to the Convention being held in the city of New York. I have no objection to the Convention being held in the city of New York. I have no objection to the Convention being held in the city of New York.

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980 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ill  
Sept 24 1905

My dear Mr Deane :-

I fully intended to write  
to you again before you left Wells  
but the days have drifted by unawares  
and I was surprised to find I was  
too late. I should have enjoyed a  
few days with you at such a place as  
I imagine your Aunt to be above all  
things. You know I am a farmer by  
profession - never had any other bread and  
butter calling and to this day I enjoy  
thoroughly, going over a farm - managed  
by somebody else. Don't imagine that my  
knowledge of farming and farm life is  
any dilatory matter - I know it practically  
and well - and I would have been a farmer  
to the end of my days if the bottom hadn't  
dropped out of Western farming

Thanks for the Salicornia. How  
centrifugal it is when the sun light  
shines through it! Like red coral?  
The plants have been greatly admired  
by friends who have called - and  
somehow it happened that we had a  
perfect string of callers yesterday.

Well you are home again today  
I hope you return from your long  
vacation refreshed and built up for the  
next year's work - After all there is  
a certain deep- wholesome satisfaction  
in getting back to the life and the  
work for which we stand in the community.  
One would not care to be on a vacation  
all the time!

Your terms of correspondence  
are very generous. I breathe the easier  
to know that I <sup>need</sup> ~~must~~ not feel obligated  
to "keep up my end of the wren."

I had a nice letter from Fand a  
few days ago - all about Mr Desert Asters

new stations discovered for Subularia  
&c and best of all with only one brief  
reference to Dr Britton - that in the  
closing paragraph as follows "I am  
really becoming interested in plants again,  
I am rejoiced to say, and Dr Britton et al  
and their numerous schemes do not bother  
me very much"

I think if our good  
friend would study plants more closely  
at home during the winter he would  
find it easier to keep in this mood.  
Sometimes I am obliged to examine  
carefully some ~~most~~ most wretchedly  
prepared specimens - I hate the looks of  
such stuff and if I stopped with looking  
at it I should stop altogether - but when  
the flowers and fruit are soaked up in  
hot water they are just as beautiful and  
interesting as any and all at once  
I discharge my dingy specimens may

them into something of exceptional  
interest -

In looking over our  
undetermined Willows from the  
Arnold Arboretum Herb I came  
across a specimen of *J. Wardi*  
from Tennessee - the only one I ever  
saw from that state. The collector's  
name G. W. Hubbard was given  
and "Tennessee" without further speci-  
fication of locality - I have no recent  
issue of the Naturalists Directory - Will  
you please see if you can find Mr  
Hubbard's address and give it to me.  
I hope he is our local botanist for  
I should "dearly love" as the girls say  
to get more of that *Salix Wardi* for my  
own herbarium -

Kindest regards to Mrs Deane  
Yours ever  
Mrs B. B. B.

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1935

Dear Mr Deane:-

The inclosed letter will interest you -  
Please return it at your convenience as I wish to send it to Mather.

I will send you the promised bulletin when it is received.

Nice family letters from all the Chicago members of the family - Do me rights of good!

Cordially

Bob



After Nov 2<sup>d</sup> my P. O.  
address will be San Bernardino  
Cal. Hope to be able to  
write you a letter before  
I leave - We take the Santa Fe  
limited  
G. P. M.  
Yours sincerely  
Mrs Bebb



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Mr Walter Doane  
9 Brewster St  
Cambridge  
Mass

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> / 96

My dear Mr Deane

Confinement to the house in consequence of chilly and inclement weather has told very unfavorably on my strength and it has been decided that we must leave for S. Calif at the earliest practicable date. We therefore, as I informed you this morning by postal, plan to leave Chicago to 2 - only three days on the road to Santa Barbara. I wish I could write you a long letter - this is a sprint. Don't the hard writing, look steady. Whiskey my dear boy - that is all  
Yours sincerely  
M. S. Webb

R, FRIDAY, DECEMBER

## FAMOUS MAN IS DEAD.

M. S. Bebb Passes Away at San Bernardino, Cal.

### BRILLIANT LIGHT IN SCIENCE

News of His Demise Received Yesterday  
—One of the Recognized Authorities  
of the World in the Study of  
Botany.

A telegram was received yesterday afternoon which conveyed the news of the death of M. S. Bebb, in California. The message was received by H. H. Waldo, and gave no particulars. Mr. and Mrs. Bebb went to California in October, where on the sunny Pacific slope Mr. Bebb hoped to improve his health. He was suffering with tubercular trouble, and had been in failing health for several years. It was upon the advice of his physician that he went to California, and with his wife he had been stopping at San Bernardino, where they have friends. While Mr. Bebb did not have a wide acquaintance in this city, although he had lived here many years, he was very highly esteemed. That he was not better known to the city at large

was due to his very retiring nature. He had friends in number, but he confined his confidence to a comparative few, and by them he was greatly admired. Because of Mr. Bebb's shrinking modesty it might well be said that few people knew of the wonderful talents he possessed. No more learned man ever made his home in Rockford, in fact he was an intellectual giant. Mr. Bebb was a native of Ohio and a member of a prominent family. His father was Governor Bebb, who had a conspicuous part in the early development of Ohio, and who was the chief executive of the state for a number of years. Mr. Bebb received a college education and chose a vocation for which he was eminently fitted, the field of scientific research. He was known here as a botanist, but the great majority of Rockford people and even a number of his friends were not familiar with his reputation in this line. It certainly could never be learned from the man himself. He was one of the recognized authorities of the world in the study of botany. His correspondence reached around the globe, and in his work he was associated with the scientists of the age. His correspondence was something immense, and the letters he received from every land from the leading scholars came to him as one whose authority was of the highest. He contributed largely to scientific journals, his writings in this direction being quite voluminous. While he possessed such fame in general botany, in his own specialty he was pre eminent. This specialty was willows. In this he had not a peer in the whole world. He was frequently consulted by the leading colleges of the land on this topic, and any new discovery, including the government research, was generally submitted to Mr. Bebb. In this way he occupied such a position that the city might well be proud of him. Dr. Frank Kimball was probably his nearest friend in this city. Said he last evening: "Of the older school of scientists, which included Prof. Gray and other famous intellects, he was an associate, and he was the peer of any of them."

In other fields Mr. Bebb was a man of wonderful attainments. He possessed such rare mental acumen, such qualities of penetration into the knot-tiest problems in so many sciences, that he commanded the highest respect of everyone who met him. Of late he was engaged in preparing a work on his specialty in botany, which was to be added to a general volume now in preparation, and which is intended to be a work of this era in that field. None of his friends here is able to state how far he had progressed in his labors which he was so eager to finish. Mr. Bebb was a man of the highest character. He was so even tempered, so wholesome, so worthy of the homage to be paid a true man, that his influence in that way, as in the department of science, will be felt for years to come. His home life was beautiful. He was very fond of music, and lived happily and contentedly, enjoying the gentler things in life. That he was not better appreciated might perhaps have been his own fault. He was so excessively modest that he disliked even the title of professor. *per May, J. B. Herold*

Mr. Bebb was twice married. Besides the widow ~~and~~ children survive. They are Edward, Robert, Walter, Arthur, Will, Mattie, Frank and Mrs. Anna Mason, who resides in New York. Frank is the only member of the family in the city and is a student at the high school. Additional word is expected today relating to the funeral arrangements. It is probable that the remains will be brought here for interment. The news of Mr. Bebb's death is received with deep regret in the little circle here in which he was so much admired. His brother, Edward Bebb, died a little over a year ago.

Michael Schuck Bebb was born on December 23, 1833, in Butler County in southwestern Ohio where his grandfather, Edward Bebb, a Welshman, had been one of the first white settlers in the fertile Miami valley. His father was a teacher and then a successful lawyer in Hamilton, the county town to which the family removed in 1835, and in 1846 was elected governor of Ohio. The well-kept garden surrounding the Bebb mansion in Hamilton was stocked with flowering plants and fruit trees, and here, while still a boy, the future botanist acquired his first knowledge of plants and, without the aid of a text-book, learned with effort the rudiments of the science from a copy of Torrey's report upon the Flora of New York which had been sent to his father with other New York State reports by a political friend. In 1850 the family moved to a large tract of land which Governor Bebb had purchased in the Rocky River valley in northern Illinois, near the present town of Fountaindale. Mr. Bebb's love of botany was then increased by the acquisition of a few more botanical books and by an acquaintance with Dr. George Vasey which began five or six years later, and was still farther stimulated by a visit to New England where he associated with several men of science. During the War of Secession he served the Government in Washington, and then, returning to Illinois, purchased the paternal homestead at Fountaindale and devoted himself to botany and especially to the study of Willows. The largest and most complete collection of these plants which has ever been made in the United States was planted at this time by Mr. Bebb but,

unfortunately, was destroyed a few years ago, when he took up his residence in Rockford, Illinois. Since the year 1874, when he described his first Willow in *The American Naturalist*, all the collections of Willows made in North America have been studied by him; he has described the California species in *Brewer & Watson's Botany of California*, the southwestern species collected by Rothrock in the sixth volume of *Wheeler's Reports*, the Colorado species in *Coulter's Manual of the Botany of the Rocky Mountain Region*, and the species of the eastern states in the last edition of *Gray's Manual*, and has contributed to botanical journals many papers upon the American species of the genus.

The specimens which are figured in this work have all been selected by Mr. Bebb, and I take this opportunity to acknowledge my great indebtedness for the advice and assistance which he has freely given me during the last fifteen years.

Dec. 22-'93-

My dear Mr. Deane,

We are glad to answer any questions we can. Your young Mother talks while I write M.B. So far as dates are concerned we may not be able to give them very correctly. Mr. B. & I had no memory for dates not even being able to remember the birth-days of his children. —

1. His grandfather came
2. This country from Wales. — before leaving was

2. — Mr. Betts father. — William Betts married Sarah Schuck — of German parentage. —

3. — Very near Hamilton Ohio. —

I would to hear them speak of living on the "Dry Fork"

4. — He married his first wife in <sup>(Nathaniel Hancock)</sup> Mass. in 1847 — and I think it was at West. living. — he went to Cambridge.

He made his second and last visit to Cambridge in 1873.

engaged to Margaret-  
Roberts - There, of course,  
was little communication  
between the two countries  
at that time - she  
heard nothing from  
him - and her parents  
believing him to have  
deserted her - persuaded  
her to marry a young  
clergyman - after their  
marriage they sailed  
for America - the vessel  
in which they sailed,  
having had on a  
previous voyage a cargo  
of copper and the water  
was poisoned by it -  
many of the passengers  
died - and so their fate was sealed of  
Margaret & her father - standing in  
Philadelphia she made her way to  
the home of her brother in Portsmouth  
New - there met her friend - some who  
was on his way to Wales to claim her  
they were <sup>then</sup> married - walked to Pittsburgh  
and passed down the Ohio -  
I have no means of knowing about  
the year - I only know Mrs. Roberts  
father was born in Dec. 1802 -



5. - He went to Washington  
to take a position in the  
pension office - ~~He~~  
He went in 1860 -

6. His father <sup>being in Washington</sup> not wishing  
to return to Illinois -  
offered him two muskets  
for sale - and Mr. B. M.  
being fond of the  
country - always wishing  
to live the life of a  
country gentleman -  
bought it - not being  
independent financially  
endeavored to make  
his living there from -

7. He married Anna  
E. Carpenter of  
Providence - R. I. in

He possessed a great deal of skill as a  
draughtsman - the mill and turbarium  
~~the~~ <sup>several</sup> pictures of it -

9. The first publication was the mill  
of Lake Junction - so far as I know -

10. About ten years ago the track and  
attack of bleeding from which he  
was fully recovered -

The funeral took place Friday  
Dec. 13-1895 - and the body was  
laid to rest in the middle



cemetery here at Rockford.  
If we have not gone  
fully enough into  
details - we will be glad  
to know where what we  
write is wanted, and  
give you more.

dictated Anna E. Bebb.

I found the enclosure  
in Mr. Bebb's pocket  
among the letters he  
had taken to  
California hoping to  
to answer -

Brookford  
Oct 20/90

Dear Mr Deane

The Doctor

gives us every encouragement - or fear as the organic trouble is concerned - but what Mr Bibb needs now more than any thing else is a complete change of climate and occupation.

He has done a great deal more botanical work in the last four weeks than he ought

to have done - but it  
came to him in a way  
that seemed to imply  
personal obligation  
and he could not  
refuse.

I have always sym-  
pathised with my  
husband in his  
botanical pursuits but  
for once I am so impatient.  
I can not tell you -  
to have them stop  
completely.

Matthie is in  
Chicago - at 6849  
Stewart Ave. Station  
O - my home sick at

times; but in the main  
happy in her work.

My kindest regards  
to Mrs Deane and  
yourself.

Yours Sincerely  
Anna E Deane

for sale? Was Mr. Bebb  
quite independent at this  
time?

7. When did he marry &c?

8. I want to know just when  
& how he started in his  
Willow work. I want to  
know more of that "bit of  
prairie where the wild growth  
of Willows flourished" also  
about his Salicetum which  
he planted, and his skill  
as a draughtsman.

I wouldn't tire you  
for anything, my dear  
Mrs. Bebb, but what you  
can tell me of these things  
will be most useful. I  
want all the facts I can,  
especially about his willows

9 Brewster St.,  
Cambridge Mass.  
Dec. 18-1895.

Please return this  
Letter

My dear Mrs. Bebb:

I was very much  
gratified to receive this  
evening your husband's  
sketch of himself, and

Letters from your sons,  
Edwin & William -

I have read everything  
with the deepest interest  
and I can't be <sup>grateful</sup> too to

you all for helping me  
so materially. Many  
questions will come up  
which I shall ask you  
from time to time, and

I hope I shall not in-  
troduce too much upon  
your kindness - Your  
husband's sketch makes  
me so want to know  
more -

1. Mr. Bebb says "My grand-  
father floated down the  
Ohio River with his young  
wife, in a flat boat the  
year after the first settle-  
ment at Marietta. He had  
been a pioneer for 3 years  
before, opening up his  
farm" &c

Does ~~that~~ mean that he  
brought his young wife down  
the river to his farm  
in 1789? Marietta was  
settled in 1788. Where

did he get his wife?

2. Whom did Mr. Bebb's father  
Wm Bebb marry?

3. Do you know in what  
part of Butler Co. this  
farm & house were?

4. In what year did Mr.  
Bebb come East? It was  
some time before the War.  
What induced him to  
come?

5. What took him to  
Washington during the War?  
What position did he hold?  
When did he go and what  
did he do?

6. How was the old  
homestead in 1867 offered

The Feb. Gazette and I  
shall have a month  
before I must hand it  
in. If you feel too  
tired to write these answers  
perhaps Miss Mattie might  
write what you dictate.  
I don't know whether  
Miss Mattie is still with  
you - I shall also  
ask when the funeral  
took place and where  
the body was laid to  
rest - Give my best  
love to all -

Very Sincerely  
Your friend  
Walter Deane.



work.

9 When was his first publication on Salix?

When you write, will you please return this letter, and number each answer - ~~I~~ I can grasp it better -

It will be a great help to me, for who knows the life, the pleasures and the trials of our dear Mr. Bebb's life better than you?

10. When did he begin to suffer from ill health?

But I will not ask any more questions now, My sketch will be in

was peacefully hurried  
on to his rest. His mind  
seemed to be dwelling  
on his beloved millions  
to the East, for in the  
wondering which came  
in the last few hours he  
said to one that he visited  
he was in the corner with  
Salip Correlata as one of  
his sons has well said,  
"He felt that his father  
was now face to face with  
with more of his botanical  
friends than he ever  
enjoyed in life, and  
unhampered by the activities  
of earthly things was  
enjoying the fullest and

Rockford  
Dec 18 '90

My Dear Mr Deane,

First of  
all let me thank you  
for the kindly, loving  
words you have spoken  
of him who was so dear  
to his friends, and the  
sympathy you have  
shown us in our great  
sorrow. For almost a  
year Mr Bobb has been  
feebler in health.  
Before that - he had

collected during the  
summer and autumn  
but this time there was  
no improvement, so that  
when I started for Cal-  
ifornia it was with a  
very sad heart and  
great anxiety for me  
all felt that there  
was little if any hope  
of his return. Still we  
felt that the journey  
must be taken if only  
to gratify him in his  
desire to be courageous  
and hopeful and to  
his work with him  
in anticipation of

writing some more on  
the work which now  
remains uncompleted.

His mind was just  
as clear to the last and  
though he never took  
up his pen but once  
after reaching Californ-  
ia he dictated letters  
which were full of hopes  
and plans for the future.

He stood the journey  
better than I anticipated  
and for a time seemed  
a little stronger and  
then grew weaker and  
weaker but without  
pain or suffering. ended

cloves & the heavenly  
places with them.

I presume by this time  
you have received the  
little sketch which  
he wrote out for Poor  
Sargent last summer.

If there are any more  
sketches which we can  
give you one shall be  
glad to do so for one  
feels that it is fitting  
that you should have  
this tribute to him.

Perhaps you knew he  
was twice married,  
his first wife dying in

1864. We were married  
in Providence Feb 19<sup>th</sup>  
1867. There are three  
children two boys and  
one girl by the first  
wife and 4 boys and  
two girls of ours. His  
boys of which the father  
was so proud and  
manly boys they are  
but I think mother  
was the pride of his  
heart and from child  
she is sadly afflicted  
We had all enjoyed  
my husband's correspon-  
dence so much and

felt such an interest  
in botanical matters  
that we shall feel  
that we can never  
give it up without  
grieve.

Sincerely Love

Mrs Anna E. Bebb

Chicago Ill. Dec. 18th. 1895

Walter Deane

Dear Friend:

Your wish to write of our dear father, is of course much appreciated by all of us, for we feel that one who loved him as you did will give him a tribute that will be a comfort to us. I read his notes on his life, which brother Will will send to you, and it seemed to me that the interest that might center in his "school for the study of Willows" was not as fully set forth as it might be.

In the early seventies I remember his interest in the willows beginning from the discoveries he made in the willow patch as we called it; the patch I should think was four or five acres in extent and one mass of what became his favorite study. I can well remember his talking of the hybrids and how interested he became in them. Thus the circumstance of the patch being near him determined him in the study of his future years. You may have from his own pen all this tells you of his first start in the willows.

Yours very truly

Edwin B. Beth

Lauderdale Wis.

Aug- 4- 1895-

My dear Mr. Deane:-

I Do you know that I commenced a number of letters to you last winter but as I did want to send you a good one and was so conscious that my attempts fell far short - I never mailed them -

My mother has told me how when a child I would stand up in a chair and tell the smaller children about me, using appropriate

you that: he and mother are seriously considering going to California next winter. We are so in hopes that the quick disease can be arrested. The cold the took when he came from the north seems to have left his lungs in an exhausted, weakened - and the fever as so marked that the exercise necessary to keep up the general health is almost impossible - the boys with their hands at the back - help twice up the machine and on the

gestures, that botany was  
the greatest thing in the  
world - and I should  
no doubt <sup>have</sup> defined a  
botanist as a man with  
my superior intelligence.  
and as I have had  
nothing to shake my  
belief I still hold them  
somewhat in awe. Yet  
my love and admiration  
for a few that I ~~have~~  
know. has taken me  
nearer to them than  
I ever dared hope to be.  
To you, my dear Mr.  
Dean. we all feel a  
sense of gratefulness  
for bringing so much  
happiness and pleasure

into Father's life. now that - he is so  
weak as to enjoy but little that - comes  
any preparation of education on his part.  
Mother tells almost cheer him - and  
I never forget this fact as it - looked.  
when he came from the south last  
winter: and took up shortly after  
entering the house. and said Mr.  
Parrish tells me admiring him. home.  
It looked him and was met to  
all of us -

One perhaps do not know how very  
Parrish is this summer. He has  
very business. He perhaps has total



level he can make  
his way quite well.  
The day I came up  
here. - Three weeks ago  
he walked perhaps a  
half mile to meet me.  
Knowing of course he  
could ride back. - but  
I have not known  
of <sup>his going</sup> any distance since.  
He lies down excepting  
when he eats and  
moves - and lately he  
has spent quite a  
little time in the  
morning writing on  
his "autobiography".  
Do you know that I  
have now to study

Father gave me your message.  
It good had sent me what I  
needed desired I also told them  
that I felt me more secure now  
but when any one is so good to  
me as you threatened to be. I  
must be some small way to keep  
the way good so I really only need you  
help. - ~~that~~ - just as it is. -  
I am I hope you will write to me.  
It will not shake me feel quite  
well - kind love to Mrs. Deane  
I am very sincerely your friend  
Mattie Pratt

reading Spencer's "Education" - in one  
way a preliminary - to my studies -  
and in another a training  
to gather in topics under the  
above named theory I gathered  
last year -

Now I am playing -

Perhaps the measure at the  
beginning of my letter was good  
for me - for I had a  
great deal of pleasure from sitting  
there, writing and thinking of  
you and Mrs. Deane -

at a kindergarten  
training school in  
Chicago next winter -  
I enjoyed so much  
my work last winter -  
though I had to do  
it - as I could for I  
was a house keeper too -  
I was at least able to  
realize the extent of  
the study and shall  
go into it next winter  
willing to begin - at the  
bottom and profit -  
by a thorough ground-  
ing in basic  
principles - then I  
shall attempt and  
hope to grow -  
I have just finished

Rockford. Ill.

Dec 6th 95

My Dear Mr. Deane.

For fear that  
you have not already  
been informed and  
pursuant with a wish  
of my Sister Mattie I  
drop you this line to  
say that my Father

died at San Bernadino  
yesterday.

Poor Mattie, Father's  
favorite child is  
heart broken and I  
do so wish that so  
kind and dear a  
friend as you have  
been might be near  
to comfort her but  
distance interferes.

The telegram is the only  
news that I have but I  
will write you more in  
a few days

Very sincerely yours

Carrie Bell

980 Grand Ave

Rockford

Dec 16th. 1896

My Dear Mr. Deane.

Mother desires,  
pursuant with your request, that I  
send you the enclosed sketch of  
Fathers life which he made last  
Summer.

He wrote it by request of  
Prof Sargent. to accompany the  
work on Arborescent Willows that  
he did this summer.

I also enclose Prof Sargents draft,  
that you may not in your  
selection to closely follow his sketch.

The clipping from a local paper  
may perhaps help you some.

Mother, Mattie and all are

resting as well as is possible  
with the shadow of so great a  
sorrow hanging over us.

Your kind words are a  
comfort to us as they have always  
been to Father and we hope  
that they may continue to come as  
of old.

Very Truly Yours

Wm. B. B. B.

980 Grant Ave

Rockford, Ill.

My dear Mr. Dean

I write on a separate sheet that it may not reach Mother's eyes to say to you that in giving a sketch of Father's life if you would pay a tribute to Mother we children would appreciate it

We feel that to her constant devotion and self sacrifice as much as to his own ability was Father's success due.

You can not realize as we children do how much she has endured for his sake and I feel that the science owes her something, for she spoke through Father.

She not only watched over him as a child, reared the large family of nine children, did most of the housework alone and furnished the capital for Father to carry on his work but besides

helped him in his botanical work -  
 always encouraging him and  
 interesting herself in his studies -  
 How few people really know what  
 Father and Mother have done for the  
 science

For Father ever since I have known  
 him has been working for it  
 He gave his labors - he gave his  
 means and he gave his life -  
 He died a poor man, but the  
 inheritance he has left us is one that  
 can not be estimated with worldly gold.

I suppose he has written you much  
 of his home life but someday I  
 would like to tell you it from the  
 stand point of his child.

Yours Sincerely  
 Louisa Beale



Rockford. Ill

Dec 26. 1895

My Dear Mr Deau.

From your questions we infer that perhaps the notice you are writing is to be more, than the brief sketch that we expected it to be and consequently Mother, Mattie and myself thought to add some items which may be of interest to you even if they are of no help in your article.

Father has written very little in his sketch of his life here in Rockford and as you can perhaps imagine it was one of the most important and pleasant epochs in his life.

He was much courted by the influential society people of the town but due to his retiring nature and finer sensibilities shrunk from their advances and lived a very quiet and

retired life surrounded, however, by a few intimate friends.

In the town he had but one real gentleman friend but numbered among his acquaintances several ladies - These were all of the true and trusted kind and mourn his loss almost as members of the family.

He never entered into public life except to serve a term of eight years on the school board and an equal length of time on the library board.

His disposition was such that I am sure he would have preferred to not undertake these tasks, but from a sense of duty he entered into them with all his energy and soul; and I think to him as much as to any one man is due the present standing of the public schools of Rockford - second to

none in the state they now stand  
on the accredited list of many of the  
eastern colleges.

It was during his administration  
that a movement was started by  
which a new and central high school  
was built and equipped, - many of the  
old ward schools torn down and  
replaced by better lighted structures, -  
new teachers were engaged, - corporal  
punishment abolished, - examinations  
not required of pupils above a certain  
standing, and many other radical  
changes were made.

On the library board he worked hard also.

The garden surrounding the house here  
while not extensive has been a  
source of interest to us all. It is his  
creation solely, unaided except by the  
members of the family.

Besides the numerous hardy shrubs and perennials, all of the pretty native shrubs and plants have been introduced into the rock work and appropriate places.

It also includes a collection from the Arnold Arboretum and others.

In his botanical work you are no doubt as familiar from his writings as it is possible to tell you, however, I will add -

He was ~~so~~ careful in his mounting almost to a fault and I am sure I never saw more carefully and beautifully mounted specimens than his are.

They are all on the usual herbarium paper - in marked gum covers and encased in walnut cabinets about three by five feet in dimensions - There are ~~sixteen~~ of these cases in all.

His general collection includes nearly all

of the species listed in the old Gray's manual  
with valuable additions from Calif. of Good  
Hope and Europe - It numbers or  
estimate about 50,000 specimens besides  
the Salix

His willows are contained in two cabinets  
which are in a convenient spot  
separate from the rest

you no doubt are aware that  
Father was a member of the  
Philadelphia, Buffalo and Chicago  
Academy of Science. He was elected a  
fellow of the A.A.A.S. of the  
Botanical section but from the expense  
incurred was unable to join.

He has been seriously hampered all these  
years by a lack of funds. We have  
tried to imagine what he might have  
done if he had only possessed the means  
to travel - to make collections - meet other  
botanists and all the while be free

(6)  
from the worry of where the food and  
clothing for himself and wife and  
nine little ones was to come from.

You know of his little microscopes that  
he has done so much work with?

It is such a one as would cost in the  
market today about five dollars.

The ordinary high school boy would have  
felt insulted if asked to work with it  
and yet all of his fine drawings were  
made by the aid of this instrument and  
an ordinary pocket lens.

He at one time did a great deal of  
work and made many notes on the  
~~junior~~ but never published the  
results of his investigations.

He told me last summer that there  
probably was no man living that  
knew as much about the group  
as he did.

Besides his ~~study~~ study and collections

in Botany he at one time made a study of Conchology and has stored away quite a sizeable collection -

Although he made no pretensions to knowledge of the subject he was a geologist of no small ability -

Lepidoptera, Coleoptera, etc. find in every branch of natural history he was more or less familiar with.

How he could accurately translate Latin French and German descriptions, without ever studying to any extent any one of these languages was always a mystery to me.

This was a master mind.

His powerful intellect was a wonder and amazement to us all and yet he was the simplest, kindest father that children ever knew.

As I said before he gave his labor

and life to the science but he did not neglect his family and although he died a comparatively poor man he has left us an inheritance which can not be estimated by worldly gold.

Mother has answered the questions you sent as fully as she was able.

Father never told us very much about his antecedents and never said very much about his first wife.

and so perhaps you can excuse any seeming deficiency of knowledge.

Yours Very Truly  
 Wm. B. R.



3 In 1859 The whole family left  
Fountaindale - Father moved to Southern  
Illinois. (Marion County) where he lived  
a few months and then moved to  
Springfield, Ills. - He lived in S.  
until 1860 when he went <sup>to</sup> Washington.  
His father & mother went to Knoxville  
Tenn. where grandfather (his father)  
practiced law. He was also interested  
in a Welsh colony which they were  
endeavouring to found on the  
mountains of Eastern Tennessee.

at the outbreak of the war they were  
obliged to abandon their home  
losing everything, - all their personal  
property. They then moved to  
Washington - Lincoln giving grandfather  
a position in the Patent Office

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Wilmington, Del., Dec. 26 1895

My dear Mr. Deane

The first I knew of our lamented Rebb was while he was still residing in Illinois. He made an exchange or two of specimens and then he came to Washington where his father's family was and soon obtained a position in the Pension Office. While in Washington his first wife died. I think he was married twice afterwards. In 1863 he came to see me and I took him to my botanical haunt in New Jersey and down the Delaware peninsula.

I have a great many of his letters written in the outset and later and these would give you much information which I cannot now give. Shall I send them to you?

He was, as you know, a most enthusiastic botanist and a most amiable man; and laying the willows aside, he did more in systematic botany than most people knew. All was freely given to others and was not always acknowledged.

Thanks for your kind inquiries. I am pretty  
well and very old. I hope you are flourishing  
in every way. With best wishes for the new  
year I remain

Yours truly

Wm. L. Lundy

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY.

Lake Forest, Ill., December 23, 1895.

My dear Deane:

I know very little about Mr. Bobb's herbarium excepting ~~that~~  
for years he has done little or nothing to it excepting in the Salix por-  
tion. This part of it he has kept up to the end, and in my judgment it  
stands as the most important collection of the genus in this country. I  
have not seen his most recent MSS. on Salix, but his wife told me that he had  
been working at it all his spare time and had a great many notes. She  
said that there were only a few points that he wished still to clear up.  
Aside from his formal notes his herbarium sheets are jotted over with his  
opinions in such a way that they will be very clear to his editor. This  
final revision, you understand, was for the proposed "Flora of North America."

The funeral was a very quiet one, conducted at the house with only a  
few relatives and friends present. Since Mr. B's removal from Fountain-  
dale to Rockford he was in bad health, and being of a very retiring dispo-  
sition he lived too quietly to become largely acquainted in Rockford. Those  
who were present expressed the warmest admiration for the man, not only on  
his social side, but also on his intellectual side. I do not know what  
disposition is to be made of his herbarium. His family said that they

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wished to consult me later with reference to it. I have in mind that their purpose has not been formulated.

Yours sincerely,

*John M. Coulter.*

Dictated.

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San Bernardino Cal.

9 Dec, 1895

My dear Sir,

I am sorry that the first occasion that I have to write to you should be a sad one. But it is my task to communicate to you, at the request of Mrs. Bell, the news of the death of your friend, her late husband, which occurred at this place on the morning of the fifth of the present month. It is some consolation to be able to add that his last days were painless, except for the weariness of exhaustion,

and that the final party was calm and peaceful. We enjoyed till the last few hours the entire possession of his mental faculties, and then his mind wandered from the things about him and the occasional sentences that he uttered indicated that his thoughts had gone back to his former studies. "I have been over in the corner, studying Salix cordata," he said to his wife.

He never thought his sickness the death of his wife, and they were with friends who were glad to do all in their power to make them forget that they were strangers in a

strange land.

After Bertha's death Sam came on for her, and they started last night for Chicago, where they will arrive on the evening of the twentieth. The interview will be at Rockford.

I am,

Very truly yours

Sam<sup>l</sup> Parikh.

Mr. Walter Deane  
5 Bowdoin Place  
Cambridge, Mass.



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F. W. PUTNAM,  
Permanent Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS, Dec.24, '95

Mr. Walter Deane,

My dear Sir:-

Professor Putnam wishes me to give you the information  
that the first Springfield meeting was held in the year 1859.

Respectfully yours,

*G. H. Mead,*

Secretary to Professor Putnam.



to save the 12,000,000  
part of life taken  
away - in it we felt ac-  
crued with all the  
consequences. Mr Webb  
never to my knowledge  
corresponded with  
Anderson, and we  
found out in letters from  
him to be formal. In a  
note on Mr Webb had  
written down that he  
was to send a package  
of millions to him through  
Dr Gray. You may have  
known that as Mr B  
studied deeper into the

subject he felt very much  
disatisfied with Anderson  
realization of the 2.0  
millions. In regard to  
the state which have  
troubled you, as I was  
unable to definitely  
decide about them I  
sent word to Chicago  
where Mr Webb's sister  
Livia and brother is the  
only member of his  
family now living  
to see if I could find  
out what you wanted  
to know. This was first  
married in the spring  
of 67 on Base where and

In a letter from Prof. DuRoi  
of Leland, I learned that during  
he speaks of the "fraternizing of  
botanists." I think I have  
realized more fully in the  
past few months than ever  
before, and I feel so grateful  
for all the kind words that  
have been written me.

Mr. Bick was a strong believer  
in immortality, and felt  
that the higher the life he  
lived here the higher the  
life hereafter. I can but  
feel that his life beyond  
must be a glorious one.

I wish very much there  
was something of my  
husband's you would like  
to have. either letters from  
old correspondents.

Rockland

Jan 3/96

My Dear Mr. Deane.

Thank you  
very much for the Rockland  
Announcement of me and mine.

I am very much pleased  
with the Announcement to my  
Dear Husband and feel  
glad to send such a tribute  
to his friends. I find my  
self so often asking how  
he would be pleased with  
things and I am sure he  
would have no cause to  
find fault with this. The  
picture is very fine and  
we are all so glad of it.

The only criticism I would make on the article & you will allow me to make is, that you gave too much credit to Wm M L.B. -

I have been looking over the *Herbarium* and it has brought many pleasant associations

When we came from Washington but few of the plants we then had, were mounted and I helped to arrange them for mounting. It was my first lesson in that work. There are many plants we collected together, walking with

Over the prairie for an Eastern girl could not but be enthusiastic over the beautiful native flora. There are curries which he gathered in bunches and brought

home when I was receiving from an illness in '71. And I enjoy in the fact helped him to strengthen and amaze

One Indian we went along to Lancaster and gathered shrubs and herbs for the garden and plants to press. This last collection was made in Florida and he seemed as enthusiastic about it as a boy. Some of them he mounted but others still remain in his portfolios so he left them. It will all not break my heart to have the *herbarium* go out from the home still if it is the best thing for it. I should prefer to see it go to Harvard as I know his sympathies were more with that school of botany than any other

Botanical papers or some  
things that might serve  
as a remembrance. Does  
Salix rostrata not Lebbiana  
grow near you. While  
familiar with the names  
of millions I do not know  
but few of them growing.

We want to plant it  
on the cemetery lot and  
I feel that I shall have  
to depend on friends or  
cartons. Perhaps you  
can tell me from whom  
I could get them.

With much regards to  
Mrs Deane and yourself  
Thanks for all your kindness  
to me Sincerely Mrs L. B. B. B.

Rockford  
May 26/90

My Dear Mr Deane.

Thank  
you very much for  
the trouble you took  
to get and send me  
the cuttings. I have  
put them in a flower  
pot and will make  
them grow if possible.

It seems as if we were  
in midsummer the  
month of May has been  
so warm and the flowering  
of the shrubs and plants

is fully three weeks  
earlier than usual.

Uncle Will came from  
Bebb's garden today as  
usual, but we miss his  
care of it very much.

I left this morn-  
ing for the present  
thinking that when  
I went into Chicago  
I would see Dr. Coulter  
and talk with him  
about it.

The Mr. Bebb you  
mention was Mr. Emanuel  
Bebb my husband's only  
brother, and six years  
his senior. He died  
in Rockford in Jan 1874.  
His kind regards to Mrs  
Deane. Sincerely Mrs A B Bebb



Chicago. Give my  
kindest regards to  
Mrs Deane

Yours respectfully

Wm. M. Webb

Brooklyn

Jan 26-1890

My Dear Mr Deane.

I am so  
glad that you could  
utilize the sketch of Mr  
Webb's life for I see  
that - one of his  
Botanical friends  
better knew or ap-  
preciated him. While  
fond of his work it  
was after all his home

his family and friends  
that were the great  
delight of his life and  
it grew stronger with  
years. When away from  
us if only for a short  
time he wrote back  
to the family some-  
day. It is pleasant  
to feel his influence  
all through the home  
but there is such a  
vacant place that  
all feel sad who  
enter here. I thank  
you very much for  
your kind letter

I appreciate them very  
much. While in California  
I met Miss Pittman  
who told us that  
it was due to your  
help and encourage-  
ment that she had  
become a Botanist.  
She was living this  
winter at Redlands  
and collecting plants.  
Maebe spent last  
Sunday with me but  
is back on her work  
now. She is at  
6349 Stewart Ave

Willsboro N.Y.

Dec 8. 1884

My Dear Mr Deane.

Accept my  
warmest-thanks for your  
Christmas remembrance.

I think often of my  
husbands old friends,  
and the sight of their  
familiar hand smiling  
is a pleasure to me.

Our Christmas festivities

are not the same as in  
years past. and this  
time I have deserted  
the old home to come  
East and pass the  
Holiday season in New  
York State with my  
daughters, and I have  
enjoyed with the little  
folks their merry Christmas.

The country in Northern  
New York is not as  
pleasant as in summer  
but the mountains

remain as grand as  
ever and as a contrast  
with our level prairie  
a great delight to  
look upon. I trust  
that your health  
remains good, that  
you had a merry  
Christmas, and that  
a happy New Year will  
be yours. With kind  
regards to Mrs Deane

Respectfully

Mrs M. S. Deane

EDWIN BEBB

ATTORNEY AT LAW

ROOM 36, 115 MONROE STREET

CHICAGO March 4th.1896.

My dear Mr.Deane,

The copy of the memorial of my father that you sent me I shall cherish because of the love you have born toward him. I like your tribute to him very much indeed .I can hardly imagine it being improved on. Your selections from his letters are very happy, and illustrative of traits of character, which to us, his children, are very dear. During the time of the financial troubles which you mention there was no money to expend on Christmas gifts, but with his own hands he made for each one of the children then in the family a gift that was as good or better than the purchased ones. The one I received, I have still, a little tool box covered with sheep skin, it is priceless to me now. Silver and gold cannot buy what is there represented. Thus love never let Christmas fail us. Some day I shall hope to see the dear friend of my father, either here, or in Boston.

Sincerely yours

*Edwin Bebb*

1.  
- 980 Grant Ave  
December The Eighteenth  
1895-

Father loved you my  
dear Mr. Deane. - You  
brightened the year of  
his acquaintance with  
you so much by your  
frequent happy letters  
and unexpected  
"thoughtfulneses".  
It brought you very  
near to us all. -

I am so sorry you  
never visited us in  
our home - here. - You  
can hardly realize  
what our father was

to Mrs and Mrs. Parikh for the tender  
loving care they showed father and  
you the old and aged sympathies so  
unobtrusively give our mother -  
Mother said her one wish was to  
come here.

Dear Mr. Parikh - when Father passed  
away the friends too called to advise  
and pleased them upon his death.  
I shall love him always in his heart.

It was so hard for me to learn father

gone: a but said: unable to keep at the  
best advice not to talk too long - think of

To me all - His beautiful  
character was our  
inspiration - to meet  
his approval our constant  
aim.

Dr. Kerr, our minister,  
said to my aunt  
yesterday "Some one  
told me not one of Mr.  
Betts boys had a bad  
habit; neither smoked  
nor drank - and that  
he never told them  
not to" - No father, never.  
He! I can remember  
told us not to do. He  
singlely placed our confidence  
in us - and it was  
hard to disappoint him.  
My close companionship

with my father was my dear to me -  
I was always to me sick away from him.  
I feel as this week I should be homesick  
all my life - I really hope - the influence  
of his precious memory can help to make  
the old man clearly the real meaning  
of life - and live up to it -  
Mrs. Parole said: he told her in a  
stranger a few days before he left - "Life  
is service" - I know it - he realized that  
well she fulfilled one of his favorite  
"truths" -  
He alone never ceased to be grateful

how hard it must have  
 been for your father =  
 Mother is so weak and  
 shivering for us - and I  
 hope ~~our~~ love can  
 comfort her = Father  
 loved her so devotedly.

Father's trial when body  
 was laid tenderly away  
 last Friday after supper.  
 Everything was done that  
 loving hearts could prompt.  
 His six sons took the body  
 from the house. It was  
 hard but so tender.

Father enjoyed his  
 family life and work  
 so much that we regret  
 he could not have lived





6349 Stewart Ave.

Mar. 8, 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane

I cannot realize -  
as I look over the pages  
of your article that  
Father's life has been  
lived - that a sketch of  
his life work can be  
given - We are all  
pleased, very much  
pleased - With what  
you have so feelingly  
so truly so well written  
and glad that you  
did it - for your name

associated with father  
things to all of us.  
pleasant; happy memories.  
The description of one  
of our Christmas  
mornings I never  
heard before. It was  
just exactly like us.  
We feel grateful to you  
for the small true  
tribute you paid to  
mother. Father much  
than done it.

I shall always prize  
this copy and send me  
Mother's kind love to Mrs.  
Deane. Very sincerely  
your friend Mattie B. B.

My brother Arthur has just come  
and he wants me to ask you  
if you would be so kind, with your  
kind regards to me. I would be  
much pleased to hear of  
you. B. B.

1942-1943 and 1944-

Alfred B. B.

980 Grant Ave.  
July 2-1897

My dear Mr. Damm.

You always spoke of your mother with such tenderness and affection. That I always said that I could just feel her motherliness. As Miss Bryan, one of our teachers, said - "I never feel nearer to my own than I do in the presence of a true mother".

Mother and I - Mr. Damm. do sympathize with you - in your

and have advantage of being near a place. Where I can hear lectures - and like to study biology next year at the University of Chicago. It would be a help in my work.

Please advise me at all the points. The place to be at I understand the month of August. Though this prime matter may hurry me

off -

sorrow. How sad but how  
sweet to have been with  
her - around her to the  
last.

I was very glad to hear  
from you again. I  
quite share your  
interest in ornithology.  
I want so much to  
know more. I am out  
often with my field  
glass - and have  
looked upon our common  
birds. But I cannot  
seem to make the  
bird in the tree match  
the bird in the book.

No I cannot name one. I see well. But  
I get a great deal of pleasure out of  
it. I am going to take a half dozen  
field teem this month. and all if  
I can get a better start. I wish I  
could be near you. and go with the  
mode and field with you.  
Oh. I have promised my course.  
at Ann Arbor quite late. and I am  
just ready to begin. I am in hopes  
I turning a position in Chicago

Mother is very well.  
We are negotiating our  
days to gether. - for  
through the year I  
was so busy. that  
though we tried  
to gether we were quite  
separated.

Dad has opened a  
dental office in  
Chicago and in his  
letter this morning <sup>said</sup>  
"My first months  
work. far exceeded  
my expectations."

There is a better one. That if. write me to  
write of it. - but stop I want it.  
Mother will send the book to you  
some time this summer.

There is a rambling letter Mr. Deane.  
but I want to send it. - and want to  
tell you the if. I think of you and  
Mrs. Deane. and hope you will  
have a very pleasant summer.

Mother and I mean here to Mrs. Deane and I promise.

Very sincerely Mother and I.

He was quite busy, and  
at least feels encouraged.  
The two youngest boys  
are here, enjoying  
their vacation.

Mother wants me to  
ask you if you would  
not like to have Father's  
"Willow Book". The one  
he used and prized,  
and just before he  
went west had it  
bound so it would  
stand the racks. Better

Mother says "Mr. Drake  
will prize it as much

as any one". It is closely associated  
as you know if much so with Father  
and we must give to have some thing  
that we were to have.

The microscope is in the room,  
where I am writing. (For I am in

Father's study) tied with cord. Just  
as the girls if where the great array.  
Mother asked me if I would not  
like to keep it. But it is so bad to  
me to think that. Father could never

Rochester, N.Y.,  
Dec. 1897.

My dear Mr. Drake.

This is the one  
season of the year that  
I take the pleasure of  
telling you how that  
I think of you -

I am going to send  
you and Mrs. Drake  
a picture taken in our  
back yard by an  
amateur photographer  
one day last July -  
you may look at it

or not - but we could not keep it.  
The birds took to us and the Hawks  
flew over the "corrovidence" at  
least the "corrovidence" and me self -  
"corrovidence" only to whom they  
were deaf. There were a good many  
of them - and I am much the same  
they always brought. -  
I have told you for the last days  
and every thing but the old theme  
again. I truly sincerely yours  
W. D. Drake



and receive the message  
it bears with it; - my  
love and wishes that  
you may have a  
happy Christmas ---  
and that you may  
put it away -

My whole being strains  
to reach you as I  
write these few lines  
and I want to keep  
on - My Father's  
friends: those he loved  
will always be dear

to me: and I like to be near those to whom  
- do not suppose you know that -  
- I wish the Journal had not been  
sent to the "Fitz" Museum - No.  
Nevertheless we have the best of the  
work. In asking the "Fitz" and if  
we be obliged to move on -

It is very hard to see it go. but  
if needed to be where it should  
receive the right kind of care - and

My dear Mr. Drake:-

The Calendar  
with the Christmas  
greeting from you  
added to my happiness  
on Christmas day -  
and I will take it  
to bed with me and hang  
it in my room -  
where I will see it  
each day and  
enjoy the smile

usually so happy one. -

I shall think of you through the  
coming year - and wish much  
happiness to both you and Mrs.  
Drake - & may to both some day be  
very sincerely

Walter Bate

Decr 27. 1897 -

980 Spruce St - N.Y.

associations.

John and Mrs. Rands  
thru our prayers. make  
me very happy and -  
at the same time  
are sad. For they  
make me want my  
father to know that  
our future delight  
for him was so  
large that if he as  
included me - and  
held me -

He tries to gather - and had a real  
Christmas as there at home. For the first  
time since father left. He always  
thinks a great deal of a home  
the day. He wants to gather - and  
is going to do as we are used to - but  
without children - and siblings -  
father. - me self - some thing gone -  
but not one of us said so to -  
the other. - And the day was

Dear Mr. Deane:-

There is one  
thing I want to ask  
you in regard to  
Arthur's taking up  
the work he has  
written you of.  
and the progress of the  
program. from  
a practical stand-

have present upon doing. - at the  
same time the earnest effort  
to give up what he now  
has with us. are pretty  
so we doing the program is  
from really stand point. -  
and although I realize  
you cannot answer this

point. - The success  
in the material  
direction depends,  
of course, upon  
what he is able to  
do in it. - At the  
same time I want  
to know what you  
think the general  
prospects are. - For  
average ability. -  
He is dependent.

upon what he makes. and may  
be successful in the work if he  
is helping in it. - He had quite  
a good position for a young  
man now. Imp. the above but  
just it is one matter of this  
great university and it is great too. -  
I am anxious to have  
Arthur as what he had just

question is specifically -  
I only want to  
know what you  
think. - I only  
hope I am not  
troubling you too  
much -

Yours very sincerely  
Martha Bebb

430 N. Main Street  
Kalamazoo  
Mich.

Oct. 17, 1898

Kalamazoo  
Mich.

My dear Mr. Drann:-

What a  
kind friend you  
are:- and how  
much father would  
appreciate your  
effort in our behalf!

You perhaps can  
guess my position  
as regards my

brothers. - and I  
really try to be  
equal to the task  
of a helpful advisor.  
so that they will  
come to me often  
but because of  
my inadequacy  
I had to call  
upon some one  
and it was you  
and I thank

you very much for your  
love and interest in  
preaching. - I have not  
one added thought - in  
a very life -  
I will - come to Mrs. Starn

Yours very sincerely  
Martha Beth.

Dec-22-1898

436 W. Main St. -



My dear Mr Deane:-

I have just  
read your letter and  
am so pleased with  
the thought that I  
am going to have a  
book which you selected  
for me. - That I can  
hardly wait to receive.

With a friend selects for me  
in that way -

With love and a happy  
New Year to my dear Mr.  
and Mrs Deane -

Marta Bell

Dec 30-1888

Chicago -

It will be forwarded to  
me soon - and I know  
I shall enjoy - the book -  
and the very-associations

You are very kind  
to remember me in  
this way - and I  
do appreciate - if -

My brother and I  
spent Christmas at  
our sister's (Mrs. Henck)

and we had a very pleasant  
happy day - and tho' we  
missed us there - we were glad  
to learn we with the other  
water. -

I am going to write to you  
again when I learn what  
day to do. I am always  
delighted with any thing

My dear Mr. Deane: -

The book you sent me, speaks so truly and tenderly of the one who sent it. - I have read some of the stories and as I read and reread I shall always enjoy the book delightful association with my dear Mr. Deane. -

and are growing to like my own popular titles and stories better - as I realize more and more their possibilities - and am able to make some of their demands with the fiction - and perhaps some of every -

I was very glad to hear from you of Arthur's promise to publish the certainly no more with

The animals do meet a  
tragic end. but the  
tales are interesting.  
because they are natural  
and wholesome - a  
relief from the overdose  
of sentimentality which  
predominates in most  
stories of the kind -

There is true sentiment  
in these stories - and  
the sympathy aroused  
is not forced -

You know I think, that I need to  
go back to Stalmarco this year  
but not as a kindergarten in  
social control - with the  
children - which I regret. but to  
take charge. in general  
supervision. of the work. which  
has increased to the point.  
of a kindergarten in every  
school district - - I am of  
course attached to the work

the work - and with Mr.  
and Mrs. Manning -

He is determined as you  
say - and often repeats  
the quotation "It's dogged  
that does it" -- We are  
all very anxious for his  
success and happiness --

You have been kind to  
write to -- we appreciate it  
and I know he does too.

Clear over minister  
at the Peoples Church in

Sincerely too -

Write to me too for Mr.  
Stearns and yourself --

Very sincerely yours  
James  
Mather Beth

132 S. Madison Avenue

La Grange,  
Ill.

Dec. 29, 1899 -

Kalamazoo - Mr. Ernest  
Smith from Framingham,  
Mass. - called on me  
last week to tell me  
that he had written to  
father - and knew you.  
I think, - having met  
you while attending  
the Harvard Divinity  
School - He seems  
interested in plants  
birds - and nature in

general - without being a species  
collector of any one branch -  
He is more interested as a naturalist  
in general - bearing in mind  
and dress - and we all like  
him very much in the field.  
Now - I should like to hear  
from you - and I know I  
shall see in a rather  
indirectly - and I hope

[Dec. 1899]

430 W. Main Street  
Kalamazoo

My dear Mr. Deane:-

What a delightful  
surprise: the expressman  
left at my door a  
few days ago:- The  
book is a beautiful one.  
and just what I shall  
enjoy reading. and I  
can make use of

glad Father would have  
seen to be as wished you  
a happy birth day to -  
I am with you more  
more. For my Father and  
mother.

With best wishes for the  
coming year. to you Dear to -

Sincerely yours  
Metta Beth

if in my work too —  
you were so kind to  
send it to me. and I  
want to tell you again  
how much I appreciate  
it: . . . . .

Mr. Rand wrote that  
you celebrated recently  
your fiftieth birthday  
and many people of  
note did you honor —

Now: when my Father used  
to call among the younger  
artists: . . . . . I cannot realize  
the years are passing: but  
how many years since  
you have given us those  
years! . . . . . I wish each added  
year bring more pleasure: . .  
I can only think of how



My dear Mr. Deane:

Arthur writes me that you have very kindly written to him in answer to his letter concerning the course he wants to pursue next year.

I am very grateful to you for helping him in the way that you can.

For me - my three ambitions for the success of this year number - taking - are hardly in relation to the condition that I am to, meet - I did not like to leave Chicago - and get away from the center of the kindergarten work - on the other hand I like to be in a quieter place

and leave do no. -

Mr. Deane. where  
was I when I last  
wrote to you? - I  
cannot remember no. -

I want to tell you  
that I am in

Kalamazoo no w. in  
charge of the  
kindergarten here.

(Three in number) and  
because of the  
universal interest

in their annual "Home Visit Fair"  
the schools have closed. - so I  
leave me to occupy myself  
in any way I want. and  
being an entire stranger I  
am mostly by myself. - and  
can read and write and  
so keep for me being home sick.  
There is a very good opening

and solve my own  
difficulties - -

Mother goes east  
for the winter so you  
see our family is  
scattered but we all  
hope to get to-ge-ther  
again at Lauderdale  
next summer. -

I should just like  
to hear from you  
some day. - so that -

I may know. I  
have not lost track  
of you alto-gether -  
I should not like  
to ever do that -

Please remember  
me to Mr. Rand,  
when you see him -  
and tell love to you  
and Mrs. Deane -

Your friend,  
Martha Betts

430 West Main St.  
Oct 1866 The Sixth Kalamagoo-Mich

The Faculty and Graduating Classes  
of the  
Chicago Free Kindergarten Association  
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at the

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Wednesday afternoon, June sixteenth,  
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Chicago Free Kindergarten  
Association

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Wednesday, June Sixteenth,

....1897....

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	Stands a Fair Tree,	Hans Schmidt
	Lullaby,	Gerritt Smith

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## Names for Diplomas.

Education should lead to peace with nature, self and God.  
*Froebel.*

Estelle Irene Austrian,	Grace Eugenie Levin,
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Elizabeth N. Church,	Charlotte Bond Norton,
Amy F. Elwell,	Bertha Rundle,
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Mary Katherine James,	Flora L. Whitmore.

Miss Bell.



Reference to

Carey Bebb

Letter of Jan 3 - 1891 -

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Good letter to read in

part  
Jan. 4, + Dec. 2 / 91

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Chicago Ill  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1892

My Dear Dr. D.

I have a letter

At the time of  
my father's death I still had  
the manuscript of a book on  
invertebrates which I collected some  
time ago & saved for father as  
he desired to present it in his  
herbarium. I was of course  
proud of having found something  
that he did not have & was  
much pleased with the idea  
of adding something to his herbarium.  
The next morning that he sent  
fragments to you for identification.  
Now when to him I read at  
the time & your interest in the  
plant together with your intimate  
friendship for my father makes

Flower specimen Collected July 26<sup>th</sup> & labeled as not long  
and a bladed plant rather pale. Saw a little later

fact that even herbarium would  
be the worst fit place for my  
specimen intended for my dear  
Father.

During the day I was much  
troubled to think it seems strange  
to me to be addressing you  
in a letter. I am sure. I hope  
that some time you may be  
convinced this is not a waste of time.  
The time to make for a visit  
& spend a day with me in  
my camp while collecting  
gravel. I am now surrounded  
by some as mounted if I  
could get out in a day I am  
a dinner of corn & potatoes  
cooked in the sand.

Father took great pleasure in  
with a days riding.

Chanced the specimen in this paper  
sent.

Kindly yours Robert B. B.  
1842-102<sup>nd</sup> Street, East of 48<sup>th</sup>  
Chicago

Collected on R.R. & sold probably by Chicago  
- then a few years in Berlin, 1848  
New York

Chas. D. D.  
Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

My dear Mr. Deane -

The sketch of Father's life which you sent me is a small thing but highly as it comes from the hand of one whom he esteemed & valued as a friend.

He spoke of you in many places & I was not until after his death, when I saw that you had been such a close & dear friend for a few moments.

I felt sorry because it seems as though it would have been a great pleasure to both of you to know the personal side of the other & feel the atmosphere of personal friendship. Father was I think especially great in his love for those he esteemed & the influence of personal

embellished. It was one of his  
best & strongest points.

I am doing a little botanical  
work in the way of getting my field  
notes in shape to be of help in a  
new flora of this country that is to  
be published before long.

Yours sincerely  
C. Robert S. Abbott

1742 - 102<sup>nd</sup> Street -  
Chicago

Post. Sta. 48.

1899

1742 W. 102<sup>nd</sup> Street

(Chicago Ill)

Mar 18 1890

Dear Dr. ...

Dear Mary.

For some time  
I have been working to know  
what is best for me & to in-  
crease & extend my own  
remuneration & plant as given  
in the Britton & Brown Flora

I have noticed one error &  
it is for reasons that you  
know & properly and have felt as  
it did about it, but now I find  
it being adopted by most of the  
botanists of this region & it is becoming  
very confusing for me to work  
with them. They are very British & I  
am not.

I have the Britton & Brown Flora sub  
name & arrange my herbarium by

Gray. Manual.

I have been working some at the Field Museum, where Father's herbarium is, comparing some things & have been helping them out on the flora of this region by drawing on my duplicates, & I intend to go on helping them to perfect the herbarium in so far as I can by working in this region.

I am surprised & I find that the local flora is not more fully & better represented than it is. & I feel that I can not do better than help to perfect the herbarium that is largely made up of Father's life work.

To return to the subject of my letter, I find it so confusing to find every thing arranged so differently & in so many cases named differently that I made up my mind to write to you & ask your opinion as to the adoption of the new system.

I know you will understand why

I come to you with a question of  
this kind & hope you will give  
me a little free fatherly advice  
just as Father would have done he  
live today & saw things as they  
are now.

Father thought the new departure  
too radical & in many cases  
illconsidered.

The family are all well  
as usual.

Sincerely yours

Robert Bebb

P.S. I enclose some fragments & a  
rough out line of an Emerson that  
is troubling me. I have never seen  
any thing with the root leaves of this  
specimen. If it is *stigmoneura* these root  
leaves are a long way from the type.  
The fragments are a stem leaf taken  
close to the flower head, some ripe seeds



And are flowers. The root leaves are  
petioles about 3' long or more & the leaves  
are some of them broader than this outline.

The specimen I have I collected on  
the banks of the Pen. Ry. & is the only one  
I have. Can you give me any  
light. R.B.

Chicago, Ill.,  
Mar 10, 1896.

My Dear Mr. Deane:-

In a letter from Mother, she says that you would be willing to send to any of us a copy of your tribute to our Father. May I kindly ask one of you upon which is written your autograph.

I cannot fully express to you my appreciation of the beautiful and sincere tribute you have paid our Father. I know it is written from the heart of one, who shall ever be remembered and associated in my mind as one of my Father's sincerest friends.

Yours sincerely,  
Walter S. Bell.

6349 Stewart Ave.